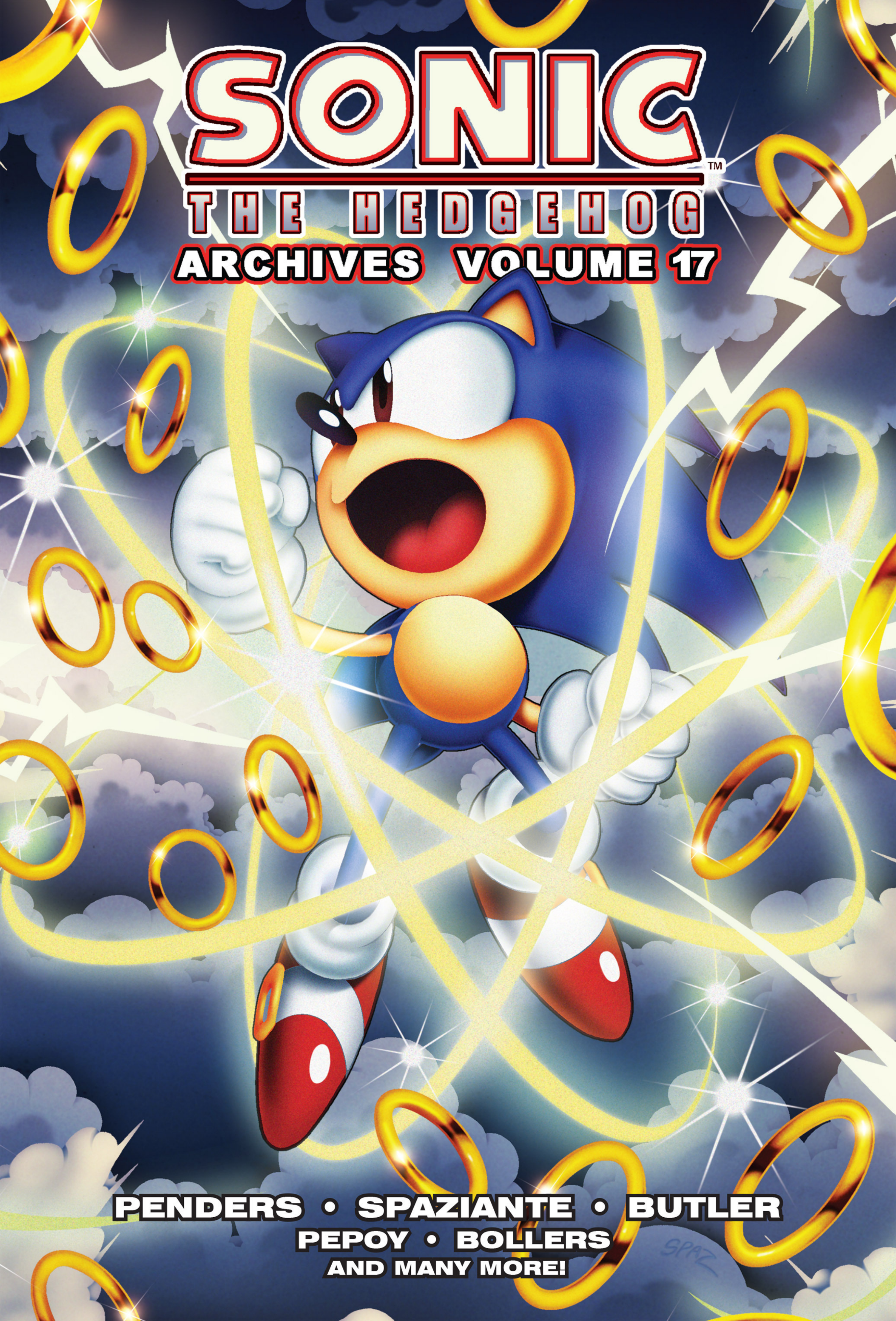

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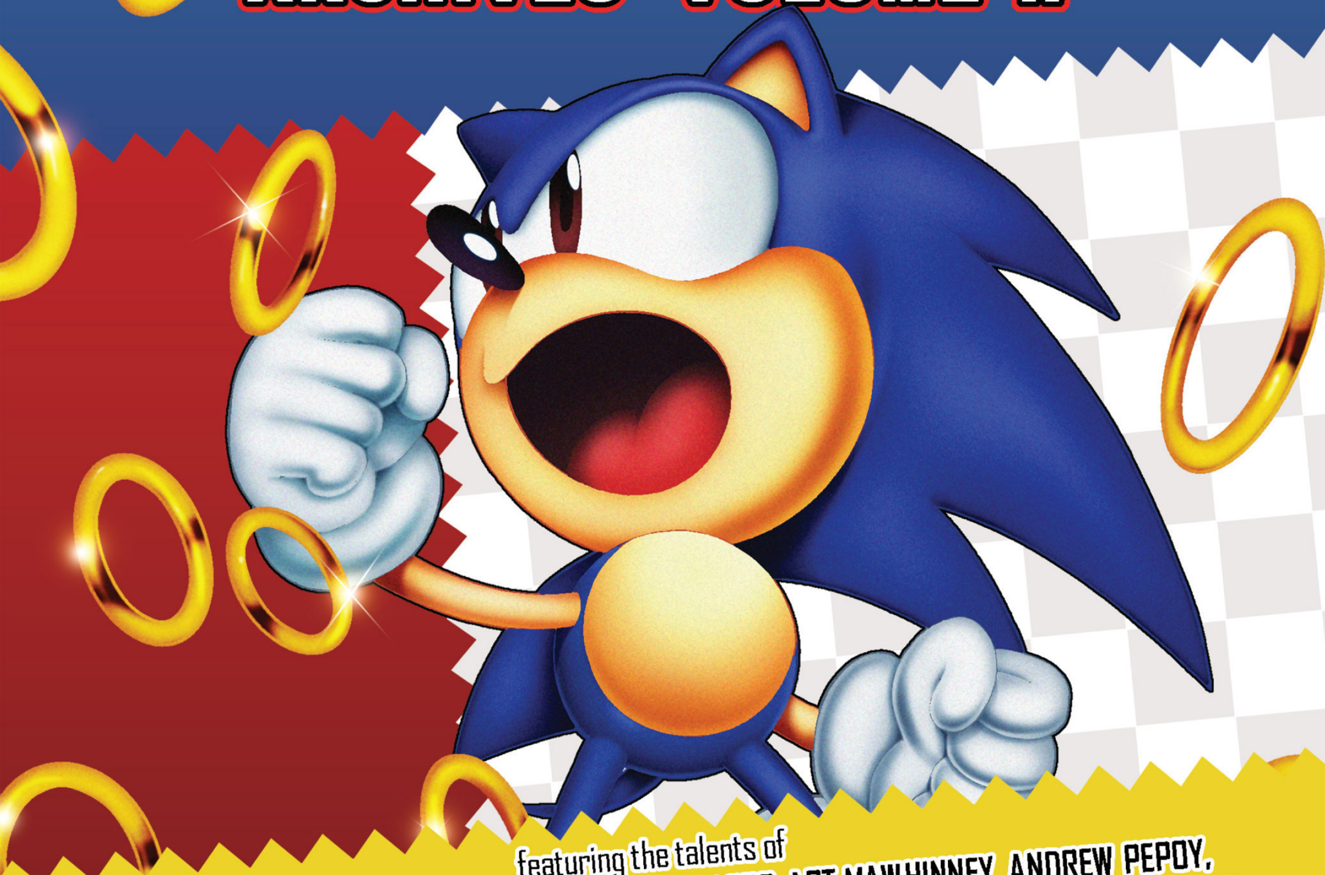

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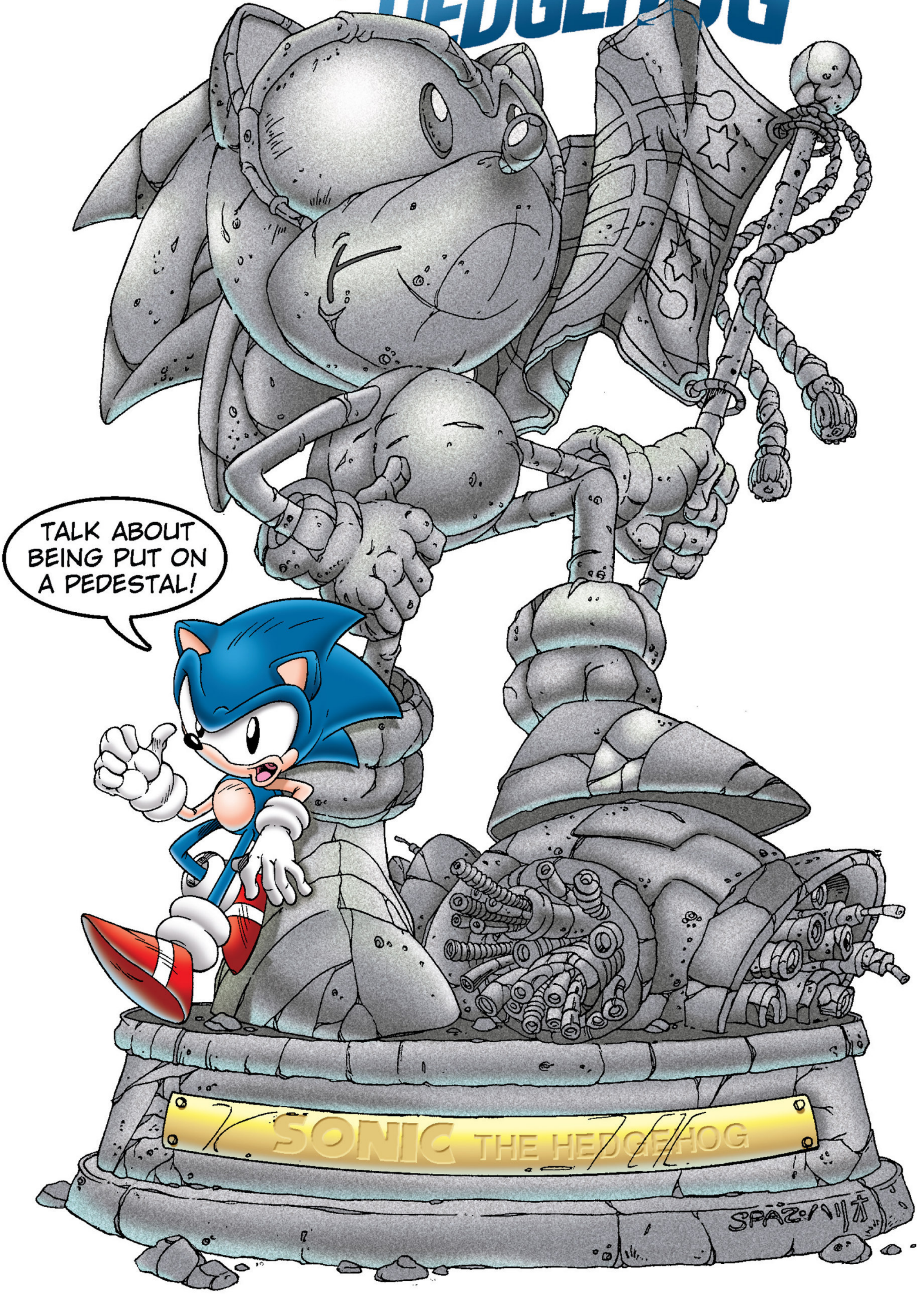
TALK ABOUT BEING PUT ON A PEDESTAL!
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THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE!

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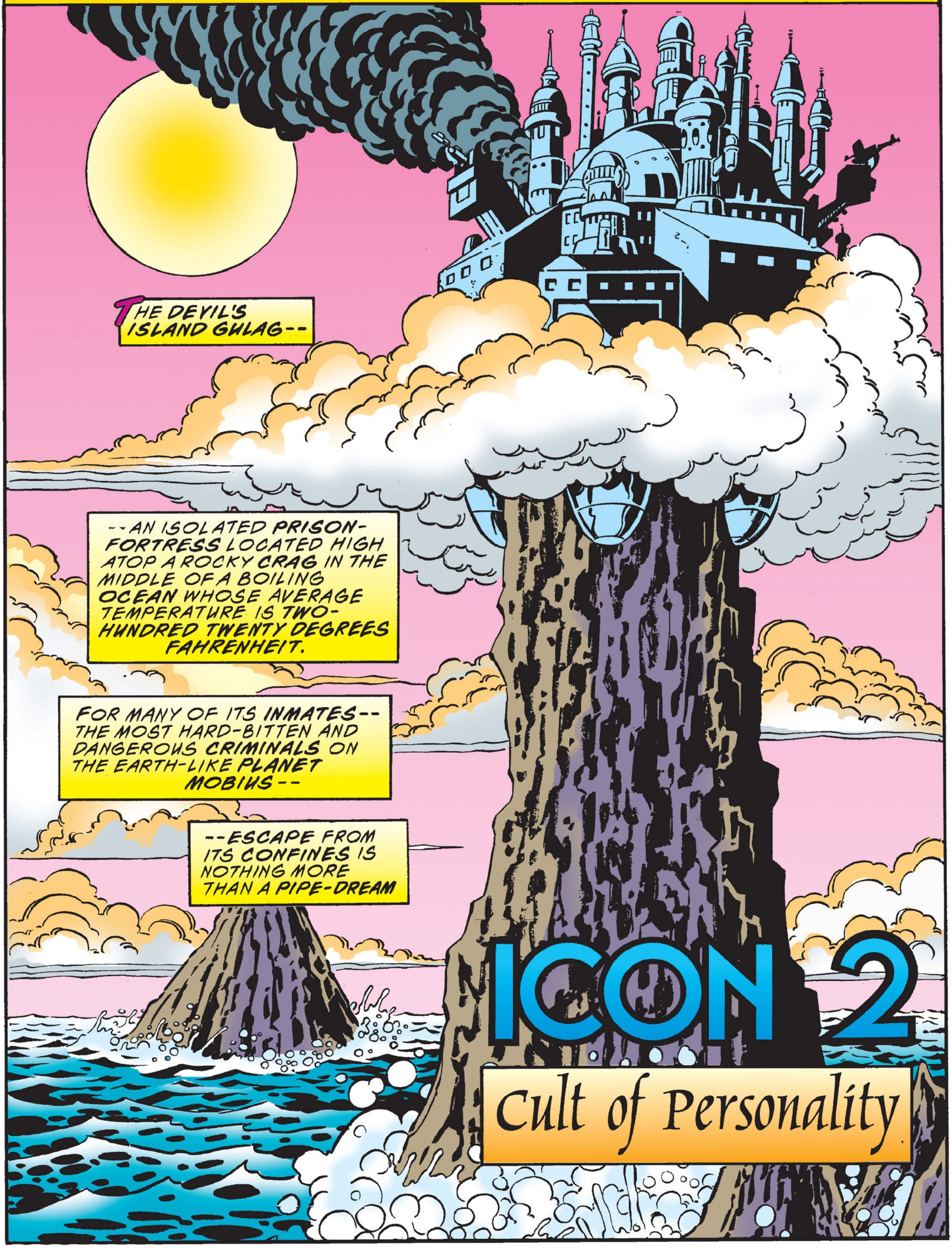
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--AN ISOLATED PRISON-FORTRESS LOCATED HIGH ATOP A ROCKY CRAG IN THE MIDDLE OF A BOILING OCEAN WHOSE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IS TWO-HUNDRED TWENTY DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.
FOR MANY OF ITS INMATES--THE MOST HARD-BITTEN AND DANGEROUS CRIMINALS ON THE EARTH-LIKE PLANET MOBIUS--
--ESCAPE FROM ITS CONFINES IS NOTHING MORE THAN A PIPE-DREAM
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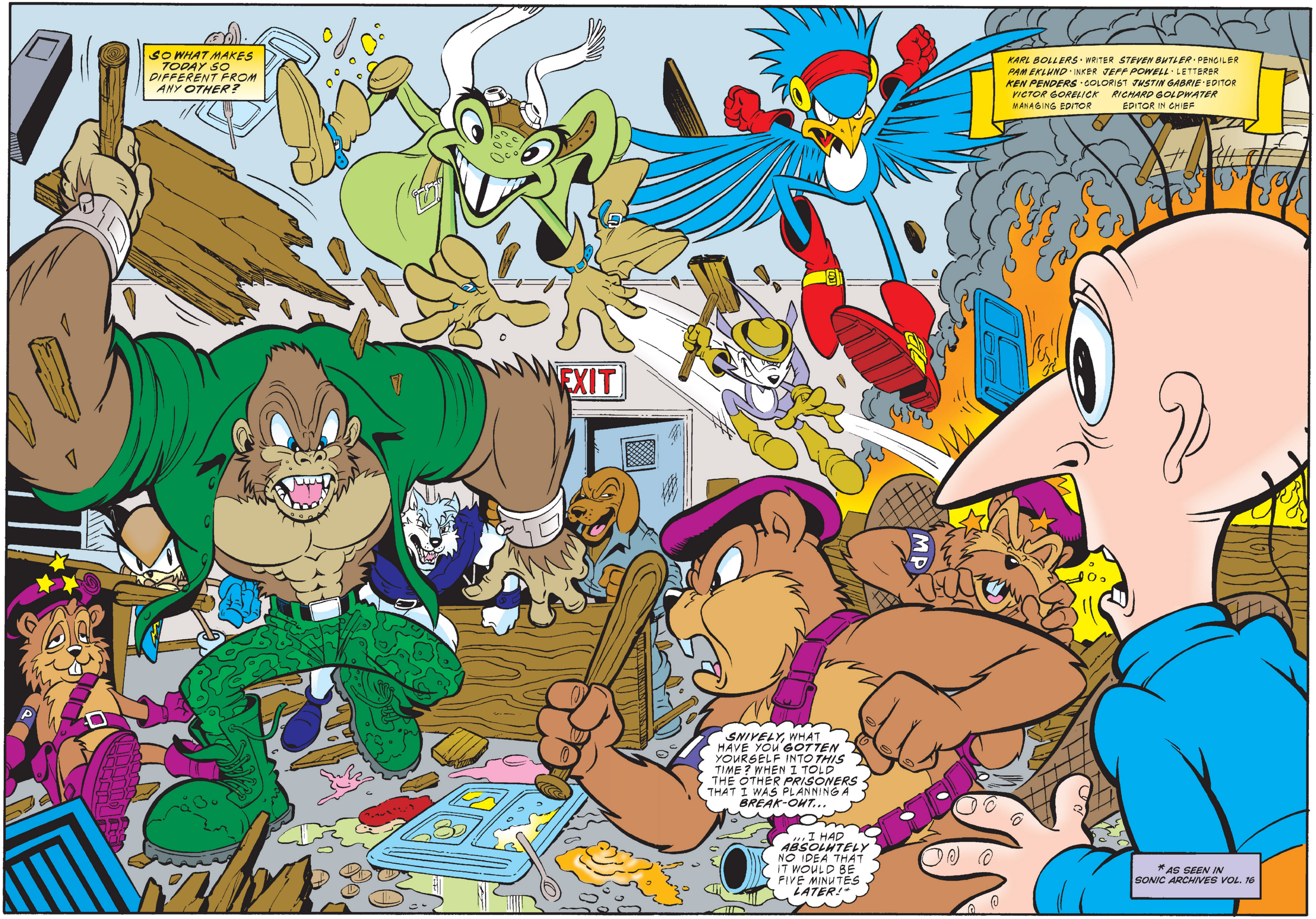
SO WHAT MAKES TODAY SO DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER?
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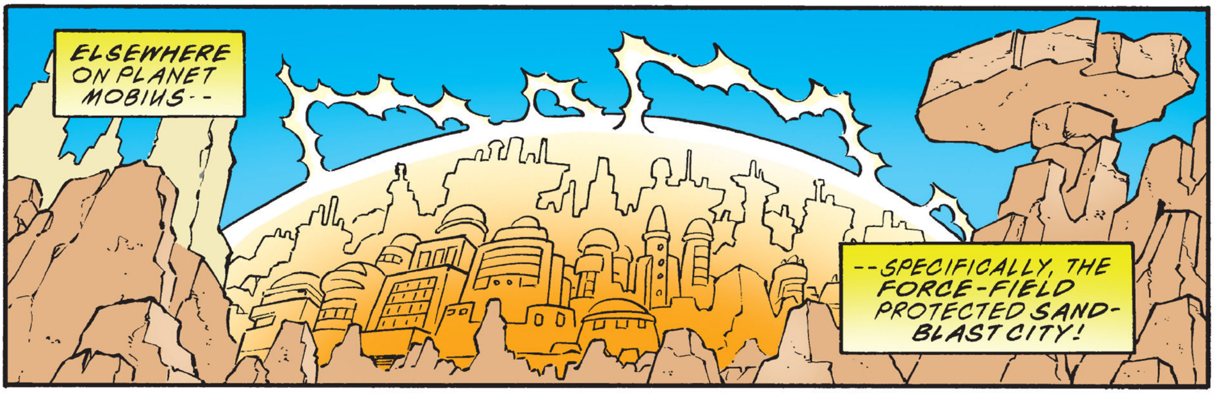
SNIVELY, WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOURSELF INTO THIS TIME? WHEN I TOLD THE OTHER PRISONERS THAT I WAS PLANNING A BREAK-OUT...
...I HAD ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA THAT IT WOULD BE FIVE MINUTES LATER!*
*AS SEEN IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16


ELSEWHERE ON PLANET MOBIUS--
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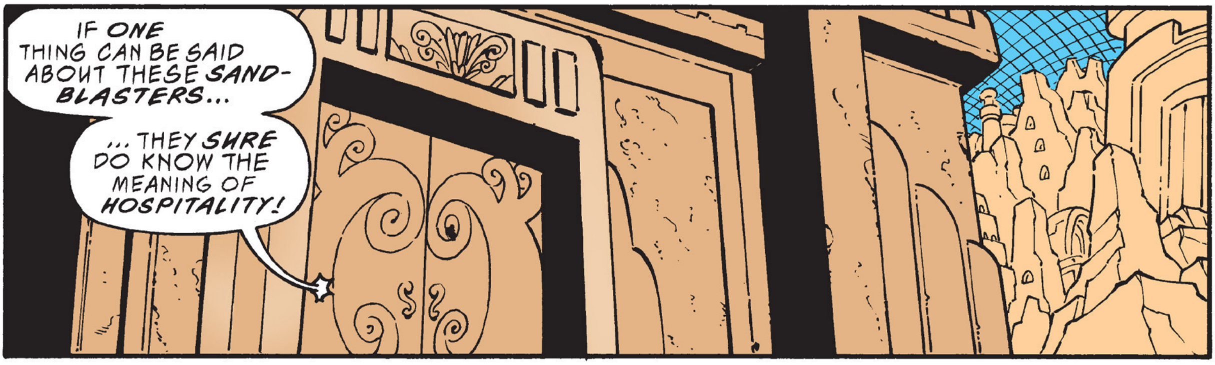
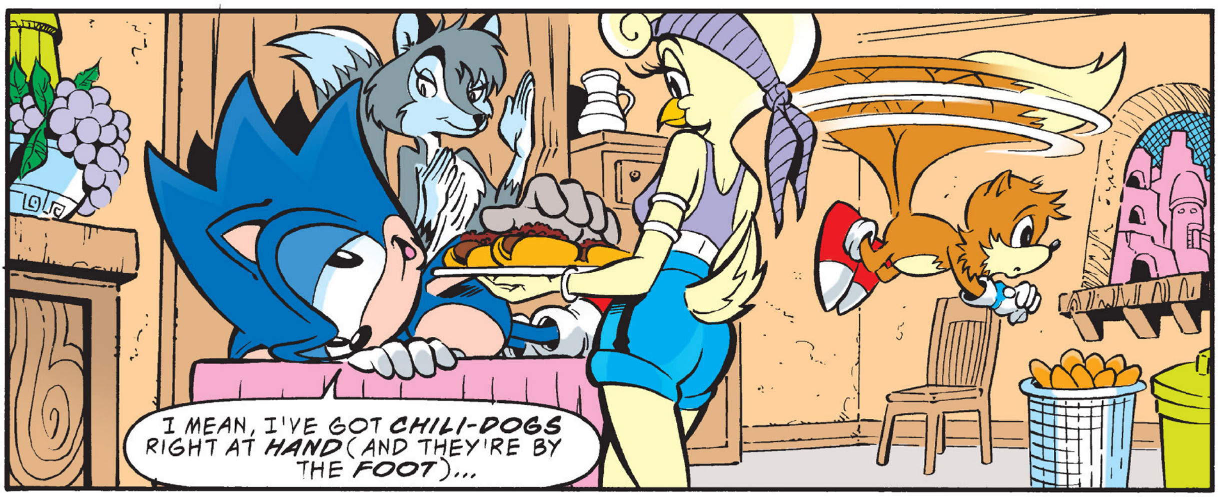
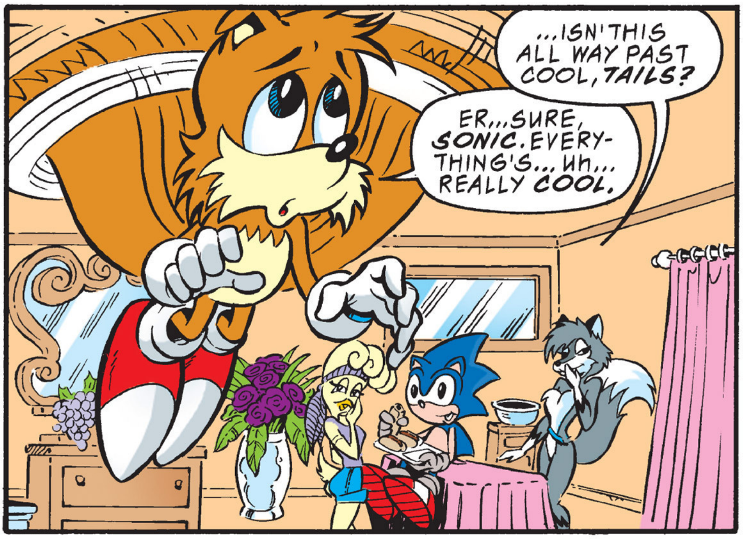
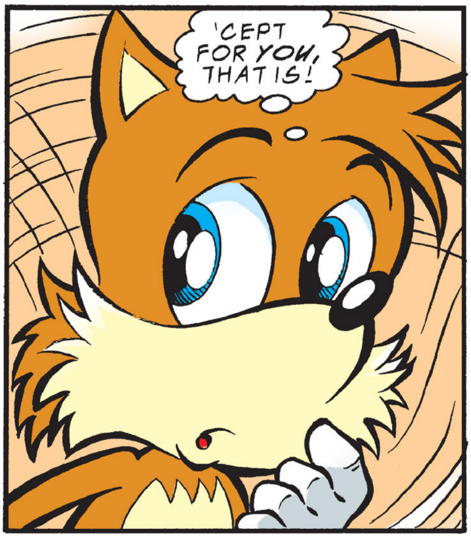

IF ONE THING CAN BE SAID ABOUT THESE SAND-BLASTERS...
...THEY SURE DO KNOW THE MEANING OF HOSPITALITY!


I MEAN, I'VE GOT CHILI-DOGS RIGHT AT HAND (AND THEY'RE BY THE FOOT)...


...ISN'T THIS ALL WAY PAST COOL, TAILS?
ER...SURE, SONIC. EVERYTHING'S... uh... REALLY COOL.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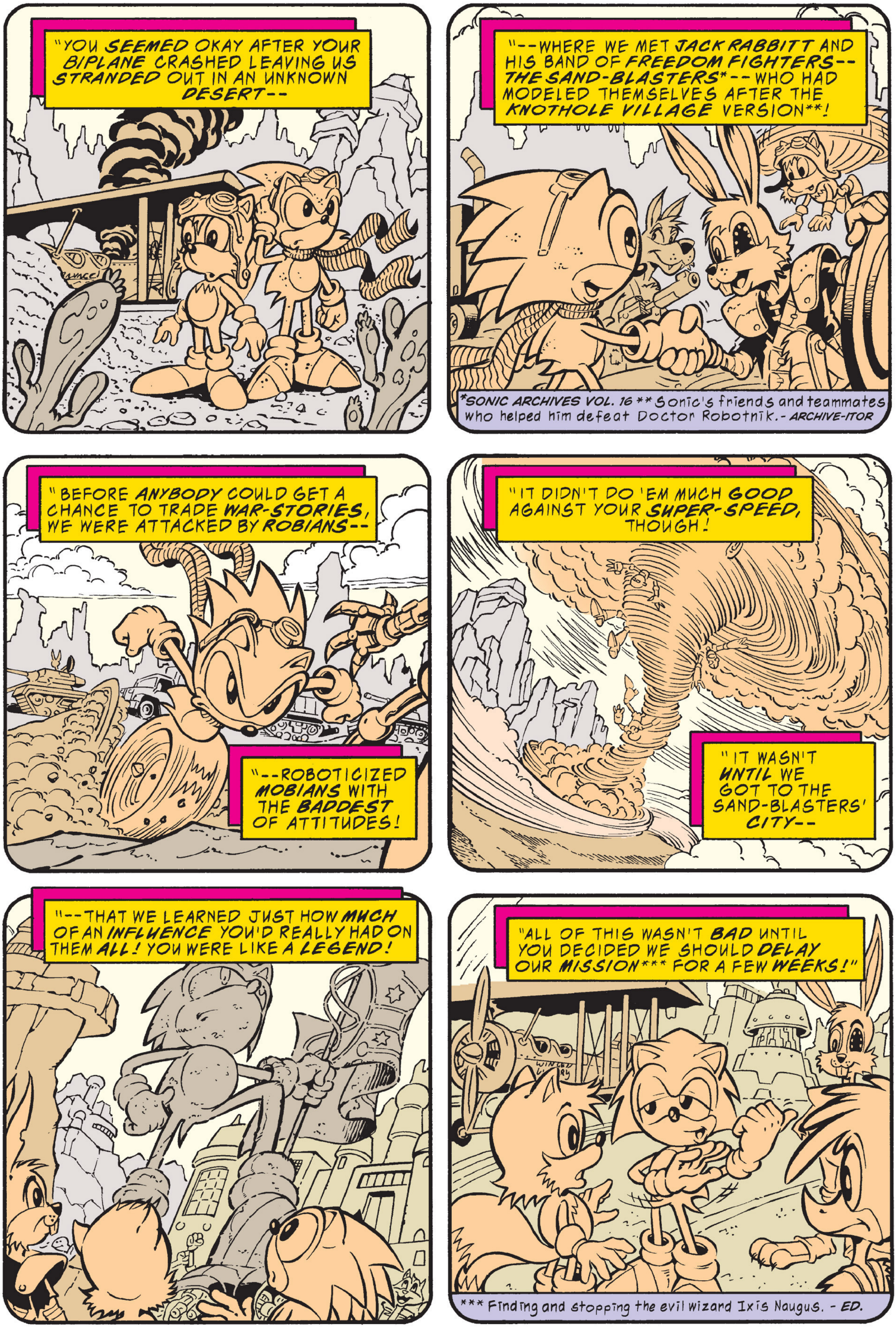
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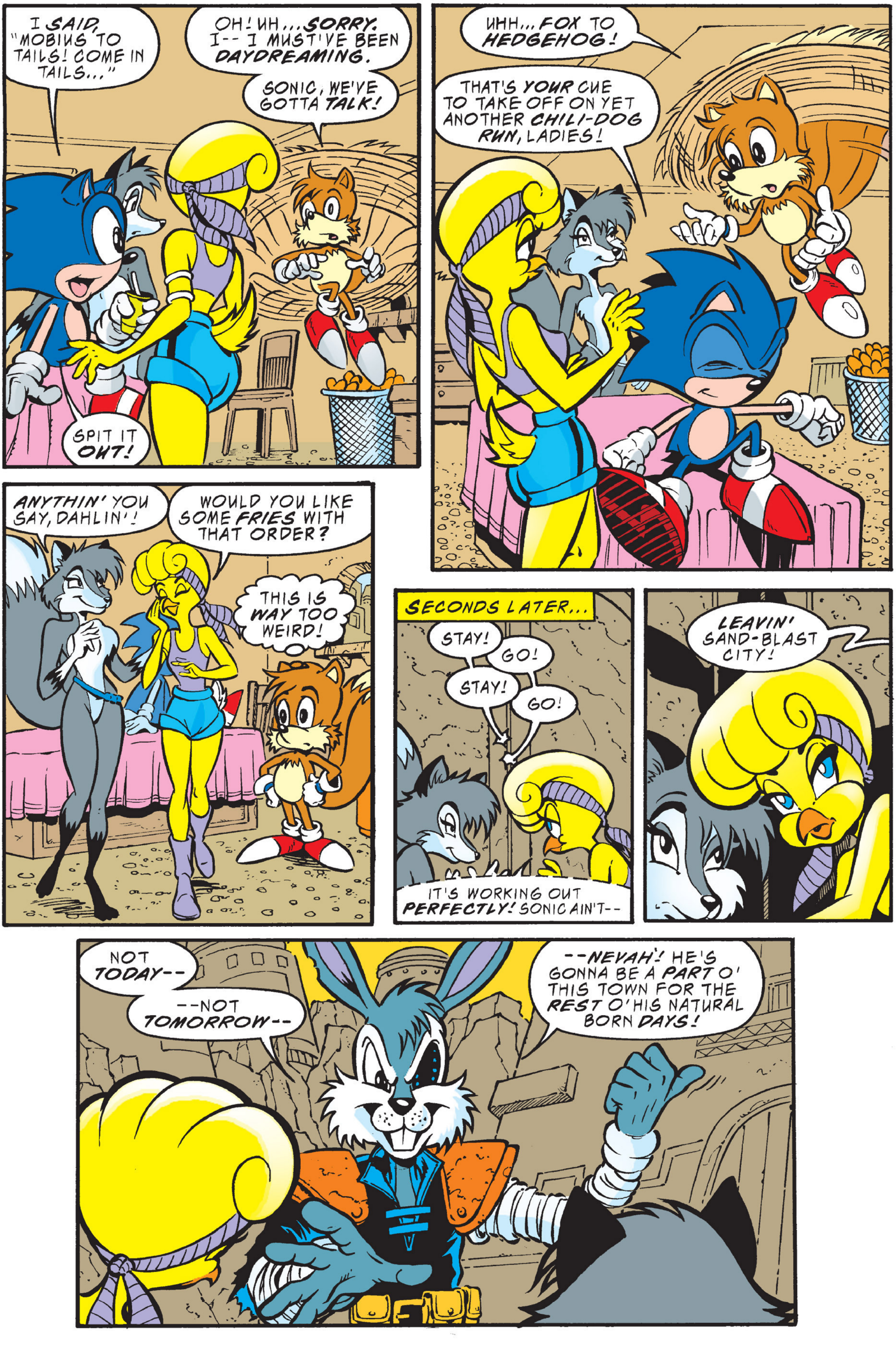
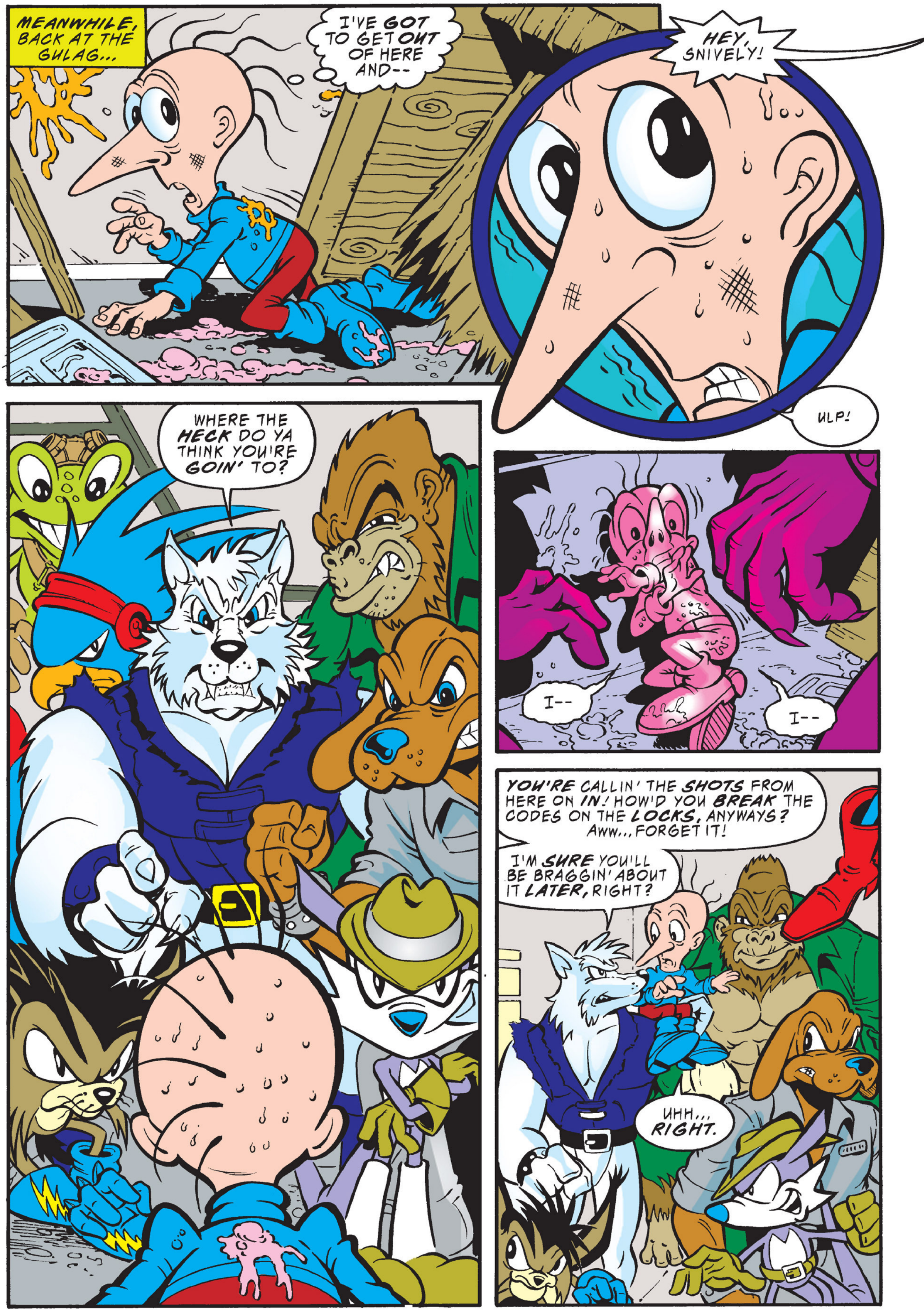
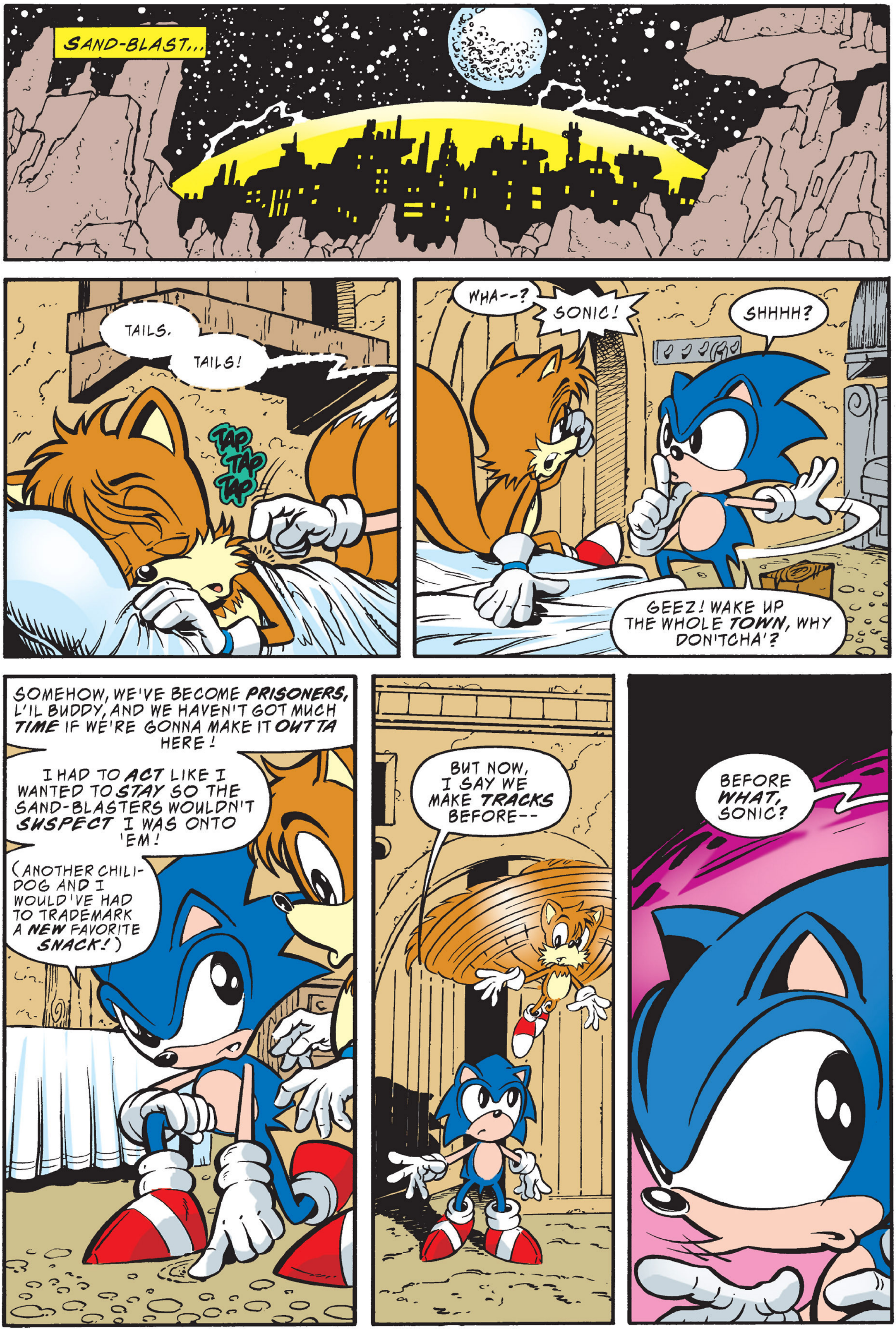
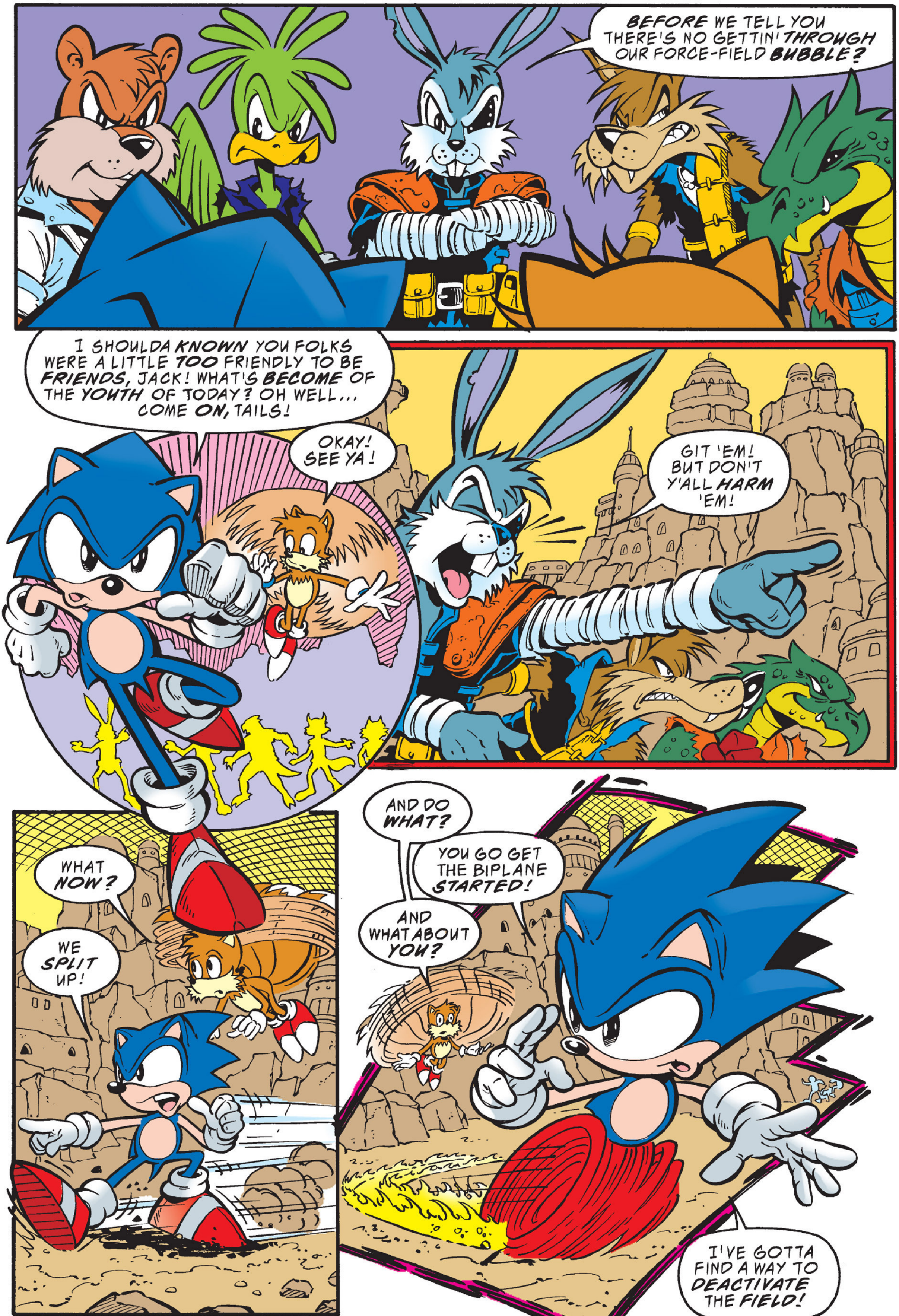
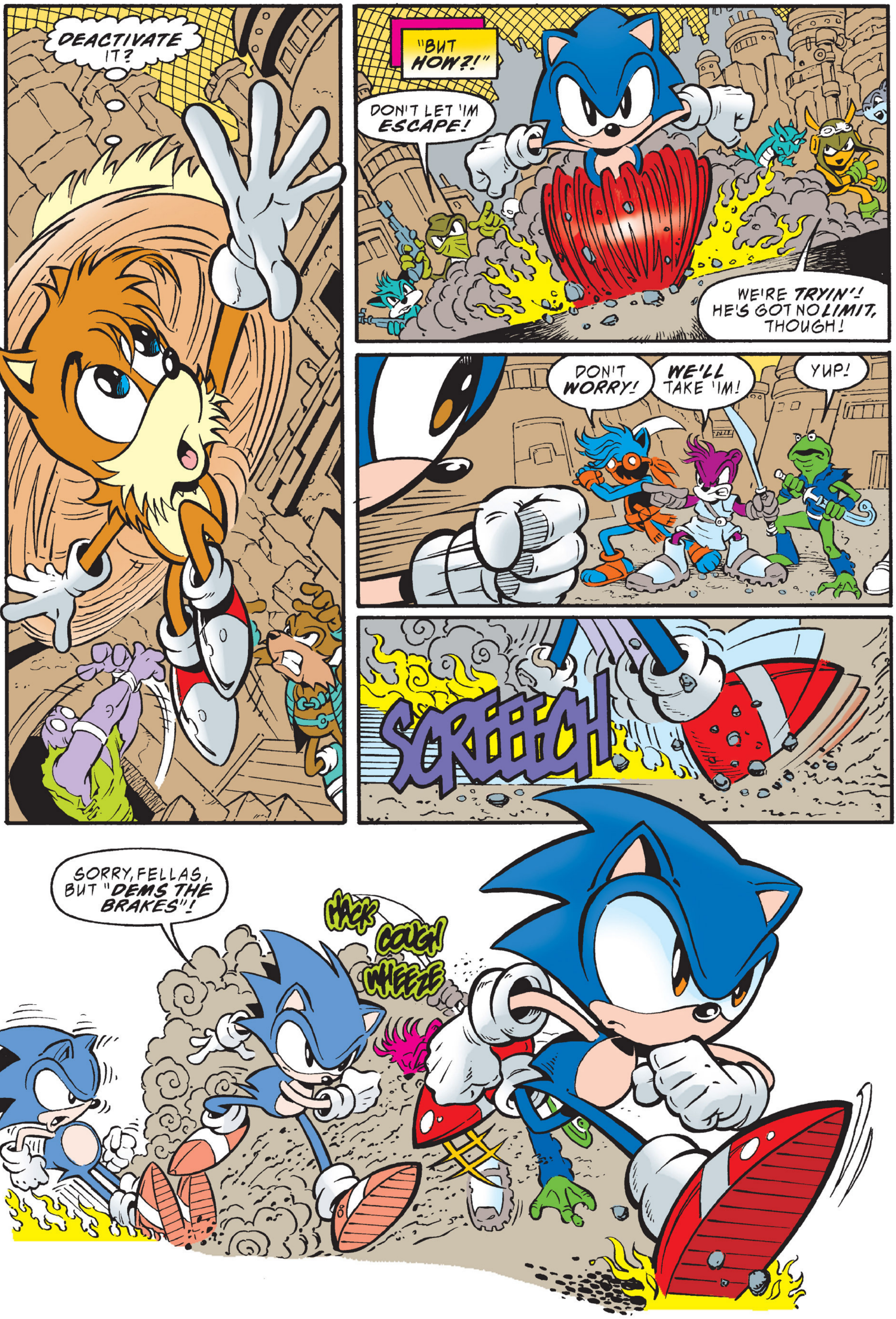
"--WHERE WE MET JACK RABBITT AND HIS BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS--THE SAND-BLASTERS*--WHO HAD MODELED THEMSELVES AFTER THE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VERSION**!
*SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16 ** Sonic's friends and teammates who helped him defeat Doctor Robotnik. - ARCHIVE-ITOR
" BEFORE ANYBODY COULD GET A CHANCE TO TRADE WAR-STORIES, WE WERE ATTACKED BY ROBIANS--
"--ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS WITH THE BADDEST OF ATTITUDES!
"IT DIDN'T DO 'EM MUCH GOOD AGAINST YOUR SUPER-SPEED, THOUGH!
"IT WASN'T UNTIL WE GOT TO THE SAND-BLASTERS' CITY--
"--THAT WE LEARNED JUST HOW MUCH OF AN INFLUENCE YOU'D REALLY HAD ON THEM ALL! YOU WERE LIKE A LEGEND!
"ALL OF THIS WASN'T BAD UNTIL YOU DECIDED WE SHOULD DELAY OUR MISSION*** FOR A FEW WEEKS!"
*** Finding and stopping the evil wizard Ixis Naugus. - ED.

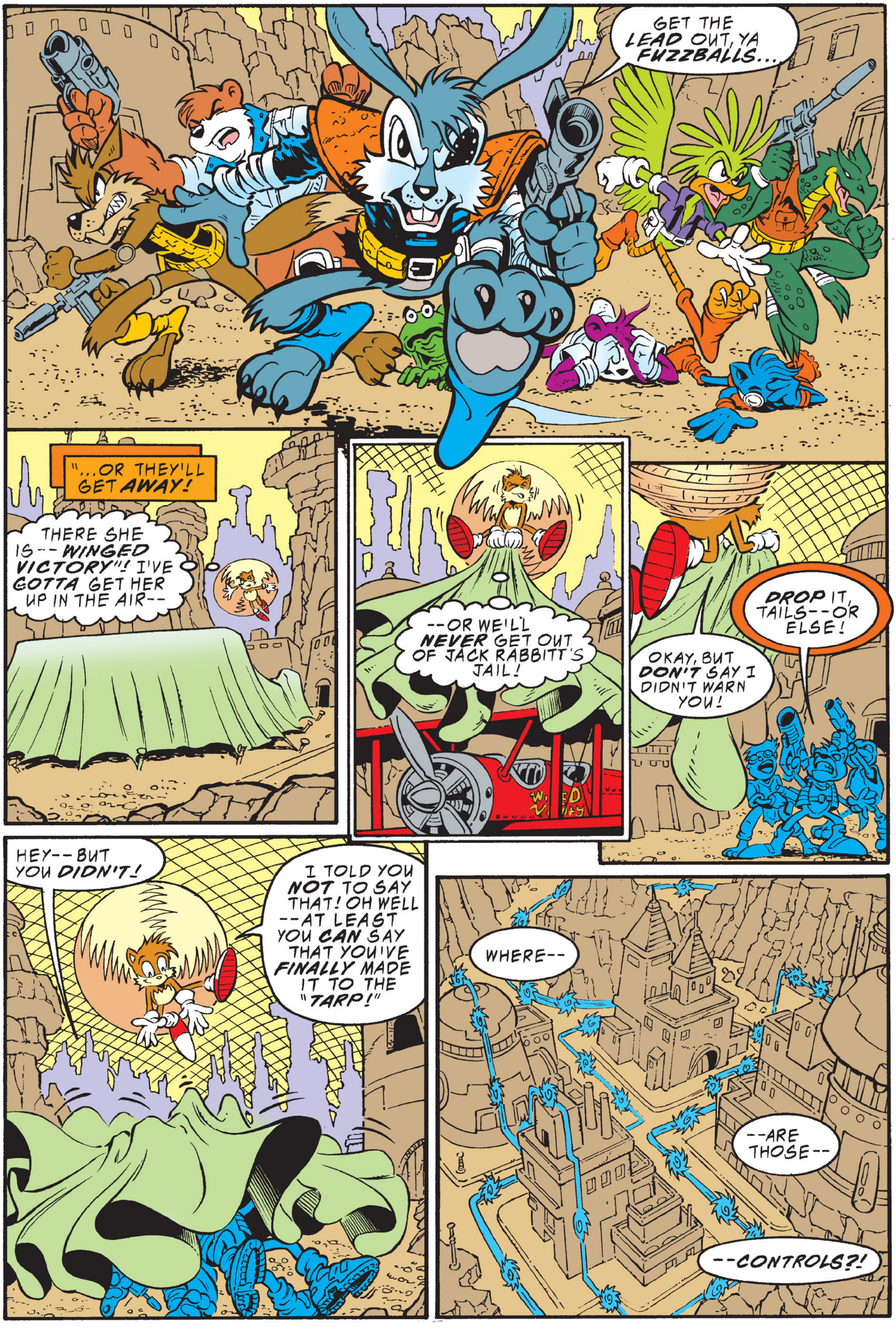

I SAID, "MOBIUS TO TAILS! COME IN TAILS..."
OH! UH... SORRY. I-- I MUST'VE BEEN DAYDREAMING.
SONIC, WE'VE GOTTA TALK!
SPIT IT OUT!
UHH... FOX TO HEDGEHOG!
THAT'S YOUR CUE TO TAKE OFF ON YET ANOTHER CHILI-DOG RUN, LADIES!
ANYTHIN' YOU SAY, DAHLIN'!
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME FRIES WITH THAT ORDER?
THIS IS WAY TOO WEIRD!
SECONDS LATER...
STAY!
GO!
STAY!
GO!
IT'S WORKING OUT PERFECTLY! SONIC AIN'T--
LEAVIN' SAND-BLAST CITY!
NOT TODAY--
--NOT TOMORROW--
--NEVAH! HE'S GONNA BE A PART O' THIS TOWN FOR THE REST O' HIS NATURAL BORN DAYS!

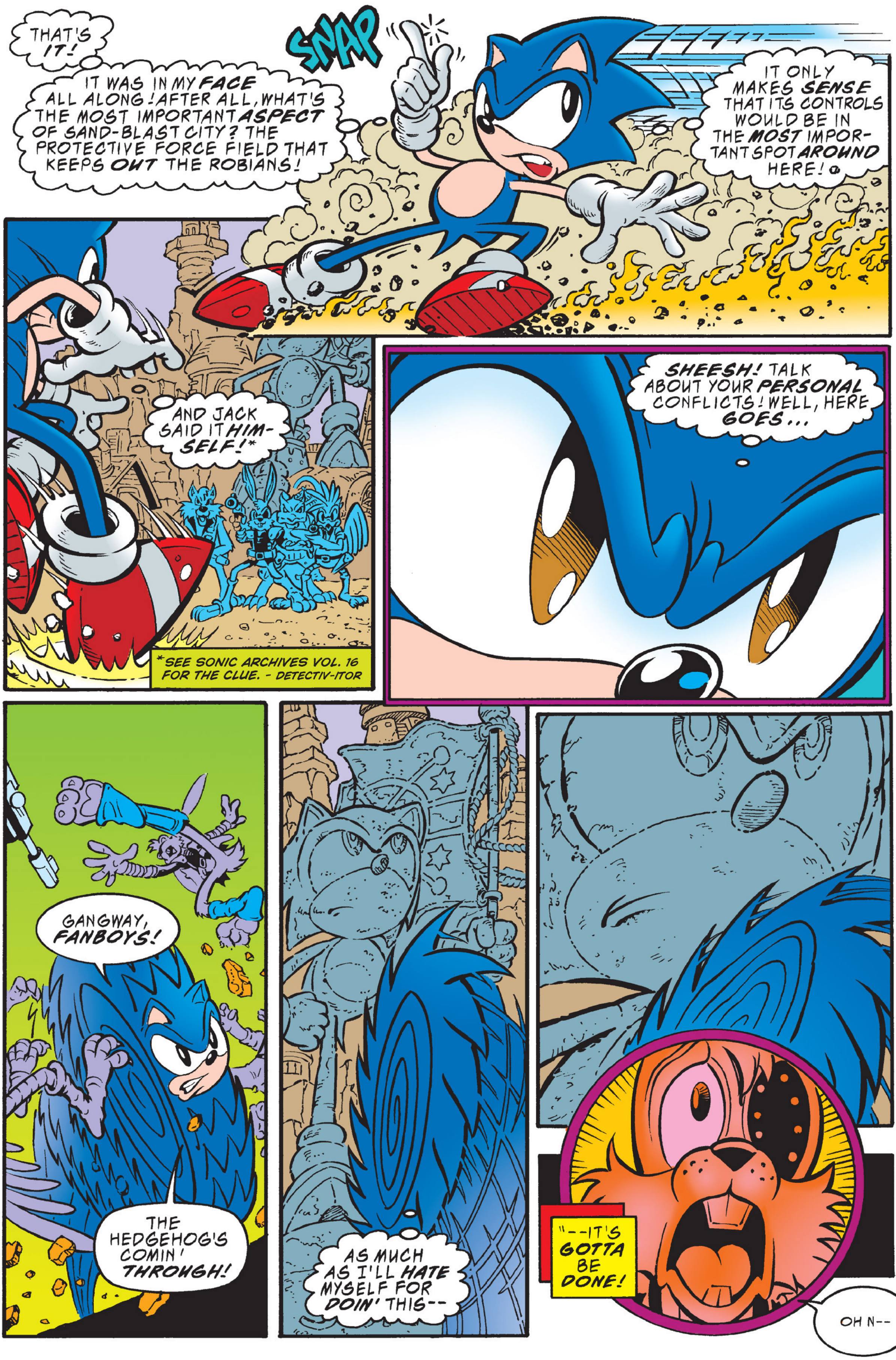

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE GULAG...
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE AND--
HEY, SNIVELY!
ULP!
WHERE THE HECK DO YA THINK YOU'RE GOIN' TO?
I--
I--
YOU'RE CALLIN' THE SHOTS FROM HERE ON IN! HOW'D YOU BREAK THE CODES ON THE LOCKS, ANYWAYS? AWW... FORGET IT!
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE BRAGGIN' ABOUT IT LATER, RIGHT?
UHH... RIGHT.

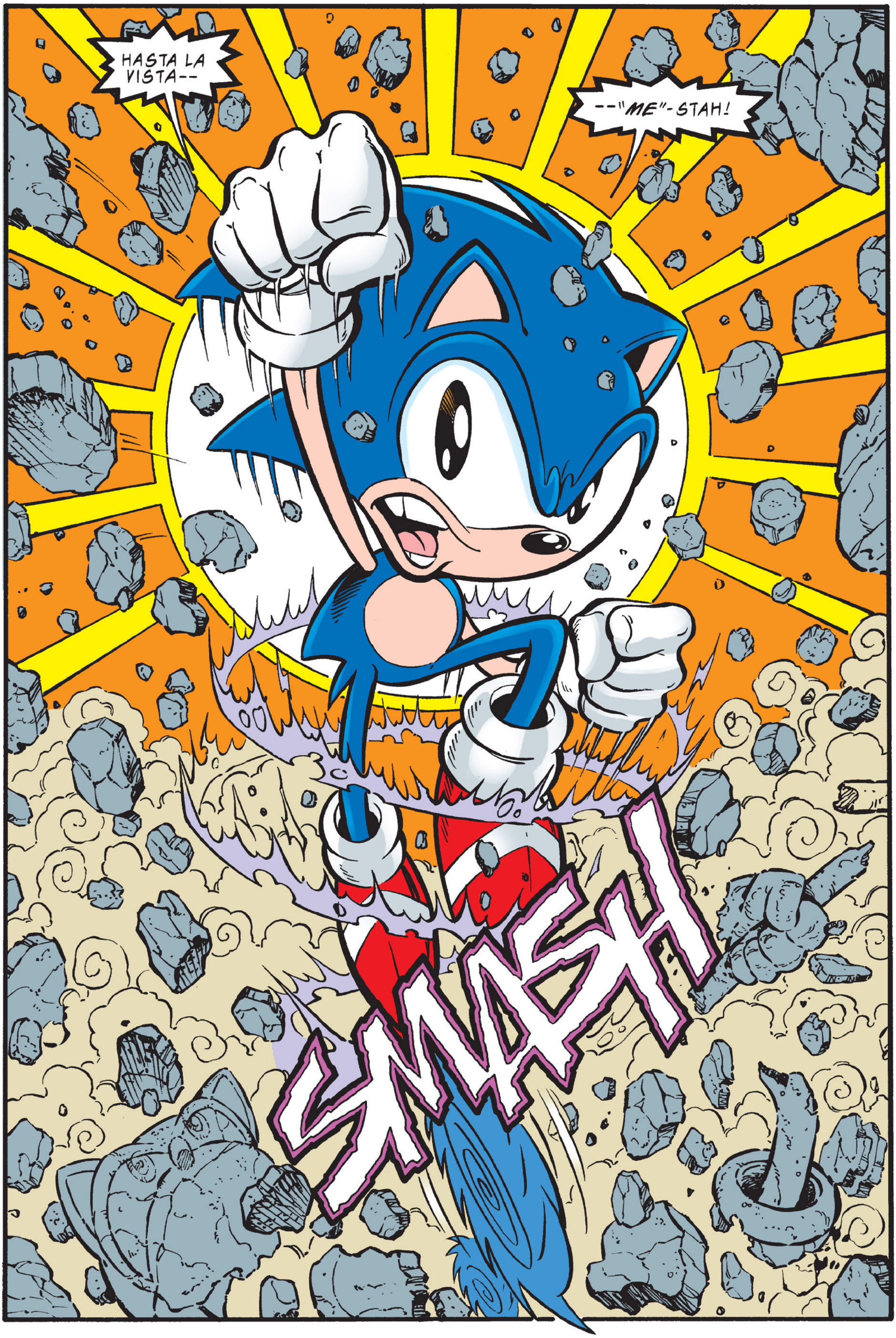

SAND-BLAST...
TAILS.
TAILS!
TAP TAP TAP
WHA--?
SONIC!
SHHHH?
GEEZ! WAKE UP THE WHOLE TOWN, WHY DON'TCHA'?
SOMEHOW, WE'VE BECOME PRISONERS, L'IL BUDDY, AND WE HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TIME IF WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT OUTTA HERE!
I HAD TO ACT LIKE I WANTED TO STAY SO THE SAND-BLASTERS WOULDN'T SUSPECT I WAS ONTO 'EM!
(ANOTHER CHILI-DOG AND I WOULD'VE HAD TO TRADEMARK A NEW FAVORITE SNACK!)
BUT NOW, I SAY WE MAKE TRACKS BEFORE--
BEFORE WHAT, SONIC?

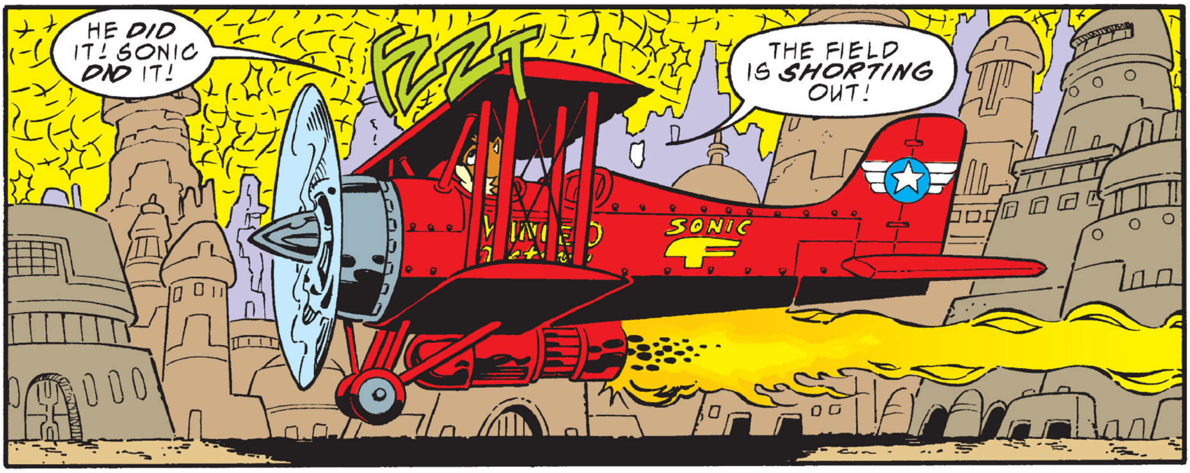

BEFORE WE TELL YOU THERE'S NO GETTIN' THROUGH OUR FORCE-FIELD BUBBLE?
I SHOULDA KNOWN YOU FOLKS WERE A LITTLE TOO FRIENDLY TO BE FRIENDS, JACK! WHAT'S BECOME OF THE YOUTH OF TODAY? OH WELL... COME ON, TAILS!
OKAY! SEE YA!
GIT 'EM! BUT DON'T Y'ALL HARM 'EM!
WHAT NOW?
WE SPLIT UP!
AND DO WHAT?
YOU GO GET THE BIPLANE STARTED!
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'VE GOTTA FIND A WAY TO DEACTIVATE THE FIELD!

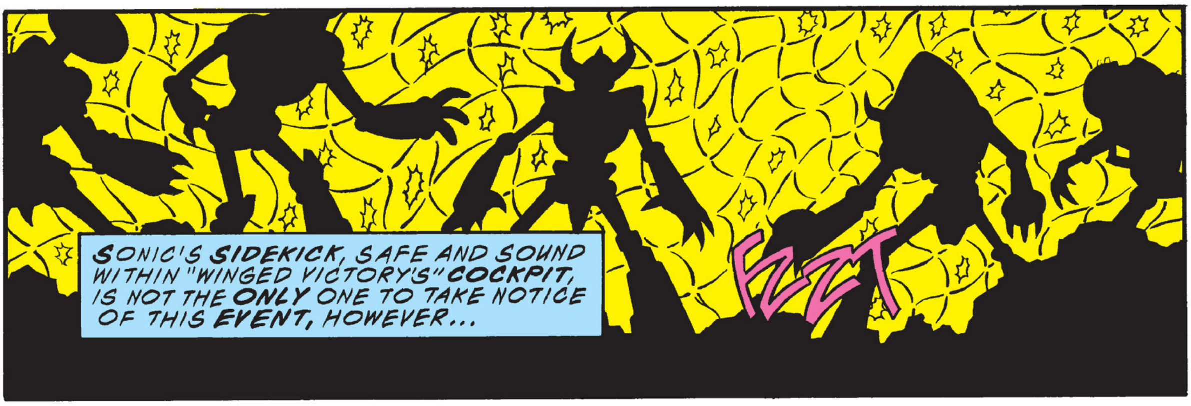

DEACTIVATE IT?
"BUT HOW?!"
DON'T LET 'IM ESCAPE!
WE'RE TRYIN'! HE'S GOT NO LIMIT, THOUGH!
DON'T WORRY!
WE'LL TAKE 'IM!
YUP!
SCREEECH
SORRY, FELLAS, BUT "DEMS THE BRAKES"!
HACK
COUGH
WHEEZE

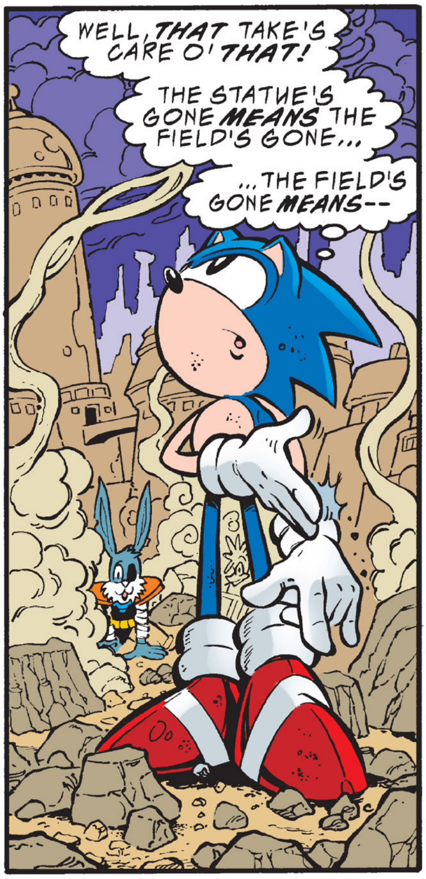

GET THE LEAD OUT, YA FUZZBALLS...
"...OR THEY'LL GET AWAY!
THERE SHE IS--"WINGED VICTORY"! I'VE GOTTA GET HER UP IN THE AIR--
--OR WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF JACK RABBITT'S JAIL!
DROP IT, TAILS--OR ELSE!
OKAY, BUT DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU!
HEY--BUT YOU DIDN'T!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO SAY THAT! OH WELL --AT LEAST YOU CAN SAY THAT YOU'VE FINALLY MADE IT TO THE "TARP!"
WHERE--
--ARE THOSE--
--CONTROLS?!

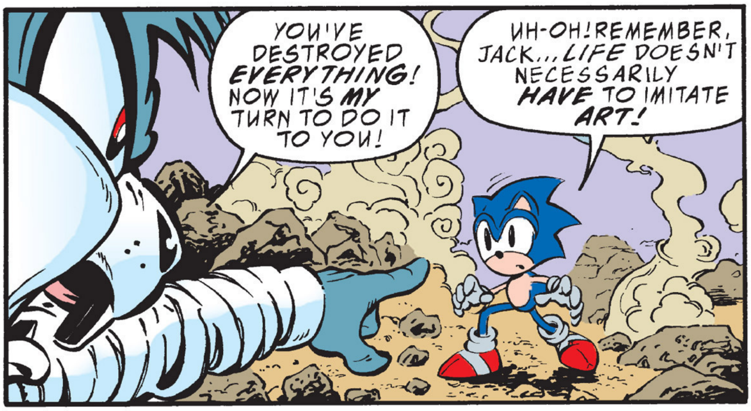

THAT'S *IT!*
IT WAS IN MY *FACE* ALL ALONG! AFTER ALL, WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT *ASPECT* OF SAND-BLAST CITY? THE PROTECTIVE FORCE FIELD THAT KEEPS *OUT* THE ROBIANS!
SNAP
IT ONLY MAKES *SENSE* THAT ITS CONTROLS WOULD BE IN THE *MOST* IMPORTANT SPOT *AROUND* HERE!
AND JACK SAID IT *HIMSELF!**
*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16 FOR THE CLUE. - DETECTIV-ITOR
SHEESH! TALK ABOUT YOUR *PERSONAL* CONFLICTS! WELL, HERE *GOES...*
GANGWAY, *FANBOYS!*
THE HEDGEHOG'S COMIN' *THROUGH!*
AS MUCH AS I'LL *HATE* MYSELF FOR *DOIN'* THIS--
"--IT'S *GOTTA* BE *DONE!*
OH N--

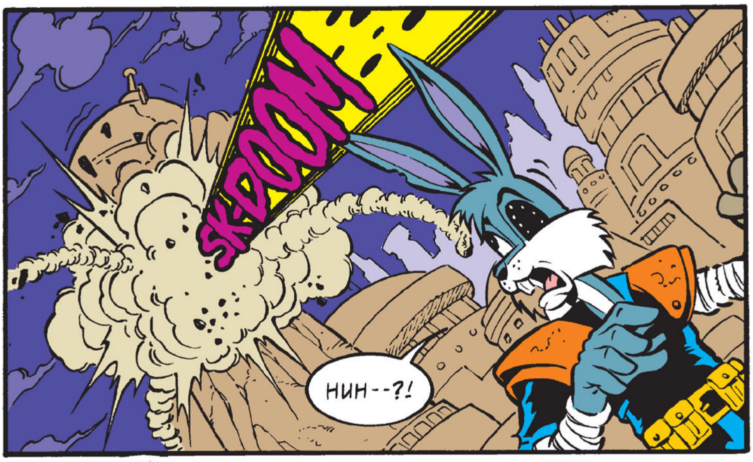

HASTA LA VISTA--
--"*ME*"-STAH!
SMASH!


HE *DID* IT! SONIC *DID* IT!
FZZT
THE FIELD IS *SHORTING* OUT!
SONIC


SONIC'S ***SIDEKICK,*** *SAFE AND SOUND WITHIN "WINGED VICTORY'S"* ***COCKPIT,*** *IS NOT THE* ***ONLY*** *ONE TO TAKE NOTICE OF THIS* ***EVENT,*** *HOWEVER...*
FZZT


WELL, ***THAT*** TAKE'S CARE O' ***THAT!***
THE STATUE'S GONE ***MEANS*** THE FIELD'S GONE...
...THE FIELD'S GONE ***MEANS***--


YOU'VE DESTROYED ***EVERYTHING!*** NOW IT'S ***MY*** TURN TO DO IT TO YOU!
UH-OH! REMEMBER, JACK... ***LIFE*** DOESN'T NECESSARILY ***HAVE*** TO IMITATE ***ART!***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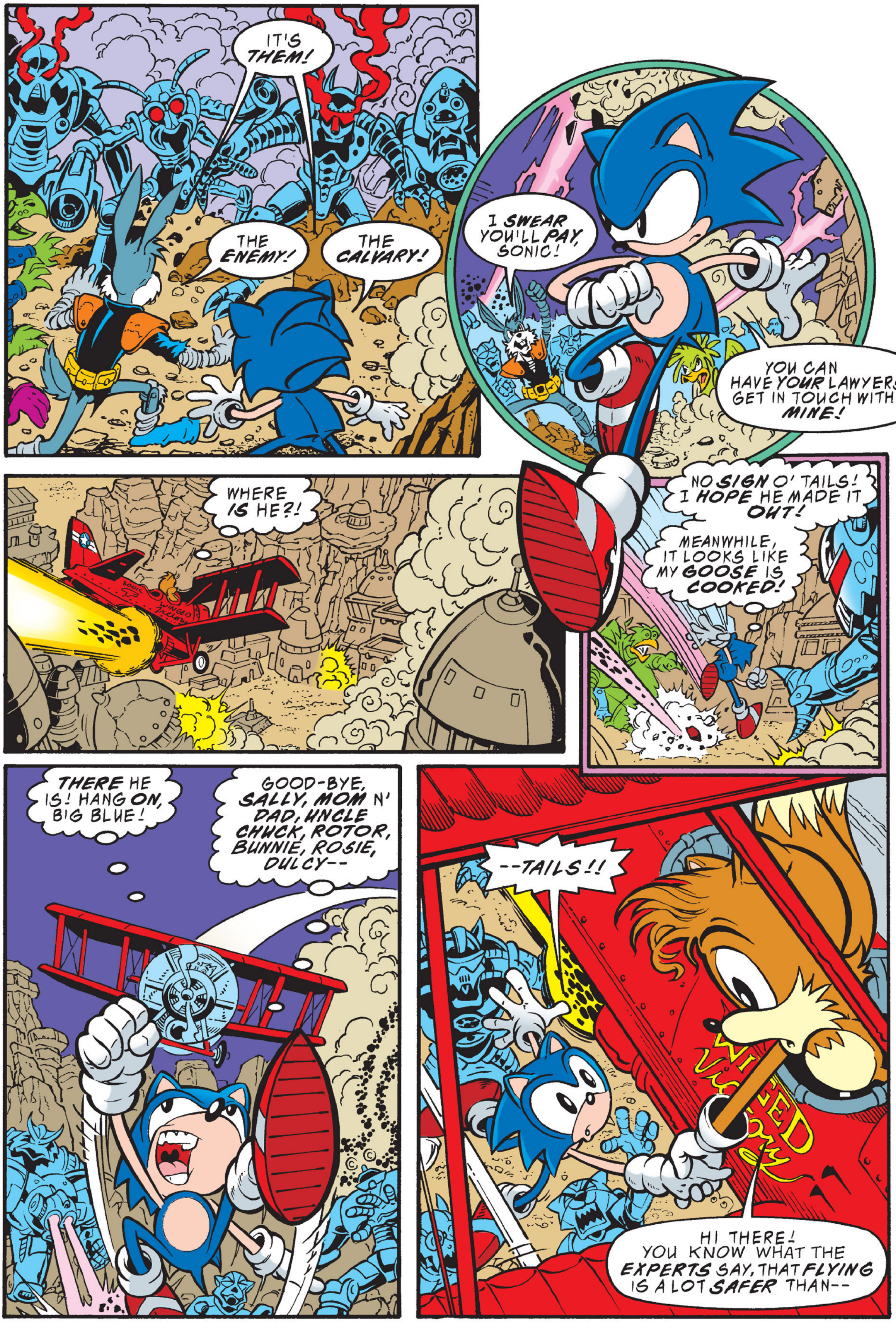
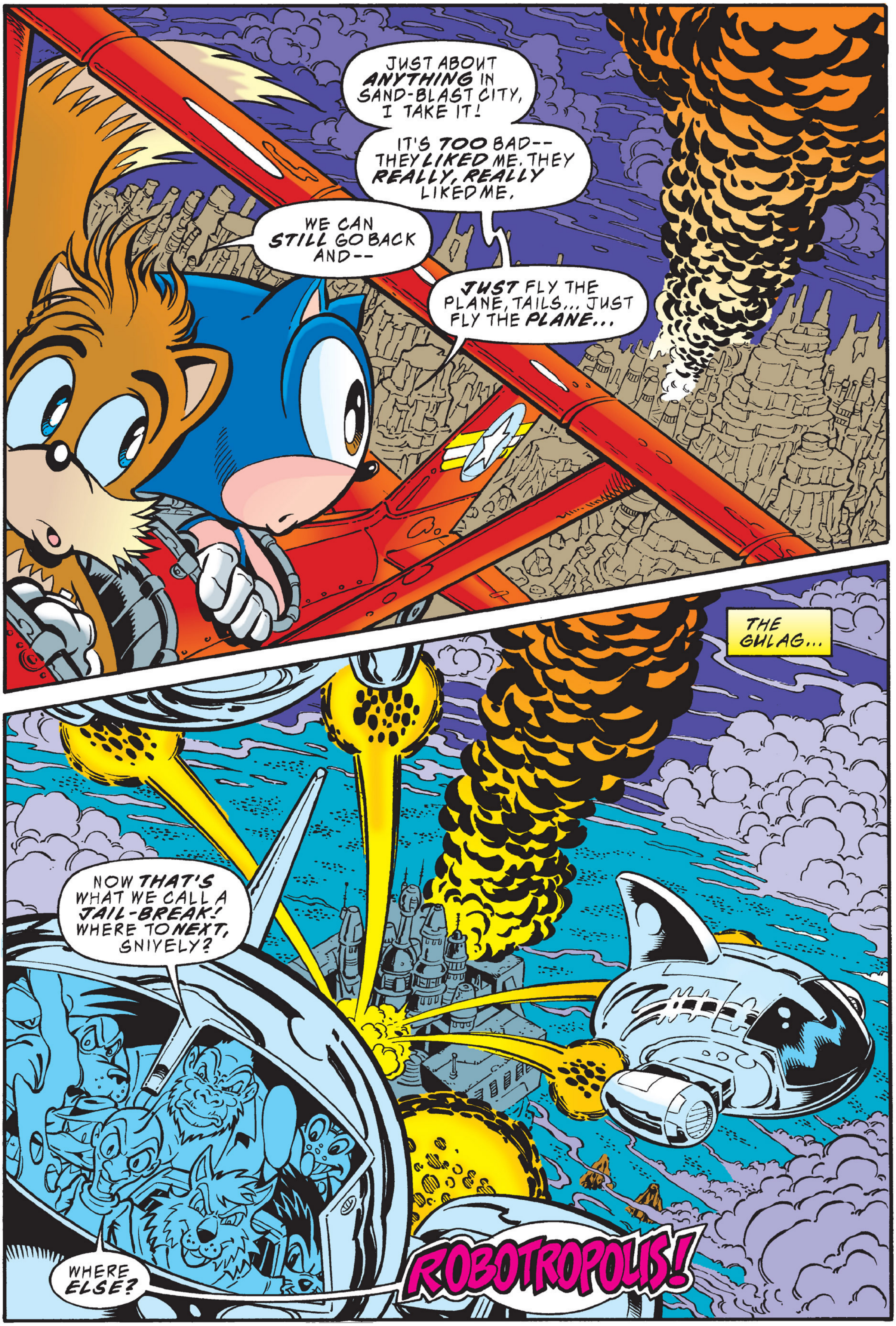
HUH--?!


IT'S *THEM!*
THE *ENEMY!*
THE *CALVARY!*
I *SWEAR* YOU'LL *PAY*, SONIC!
YOU CAN HAVE *YOUR* LAWYERS GET IN TOUCH WITH *MINE!*
WHERE *IS* HE?!
NO *SIGN* O' TAILS! I *HOPE* HE MADE IT *OUT!*
MEANWHILE, IT LOOKS LIKE MY *GOOSE* IS *COOKED!*
THERE HE IS! HANG *ON*, BIG BLUE!
GOOD-BYE, *SALLY, MOM* N' *DAD, UNCLE CHUCK, ROTOR, BUNNIE, ROSIE, DULCY--*
--TAILS!!
HI THERE! YOU KNOW WHAT THE *EXPERTS* SAY, THAT *FLYING* IS A LOT *SAFER* THAN--


JUST ABOUT ANYTHING IN SAND-BLAST CITY, I TAKE IT!
IT'S TOO BAD-- THEY LIKED ME. THEY REALLY, REALLY LIKED ME.
WE CAN STILL GO BACK AND--
JUST FLY THE PLANE, TAILS... JUST FLY THE PLANE...
THE GULAG...
NOW THAT'S WHAT WE CALL A JAIL-BREAK! WHERE TO NEXT, SNIVELY?
WHERE ELSE?
ROBOTROPOLIS!

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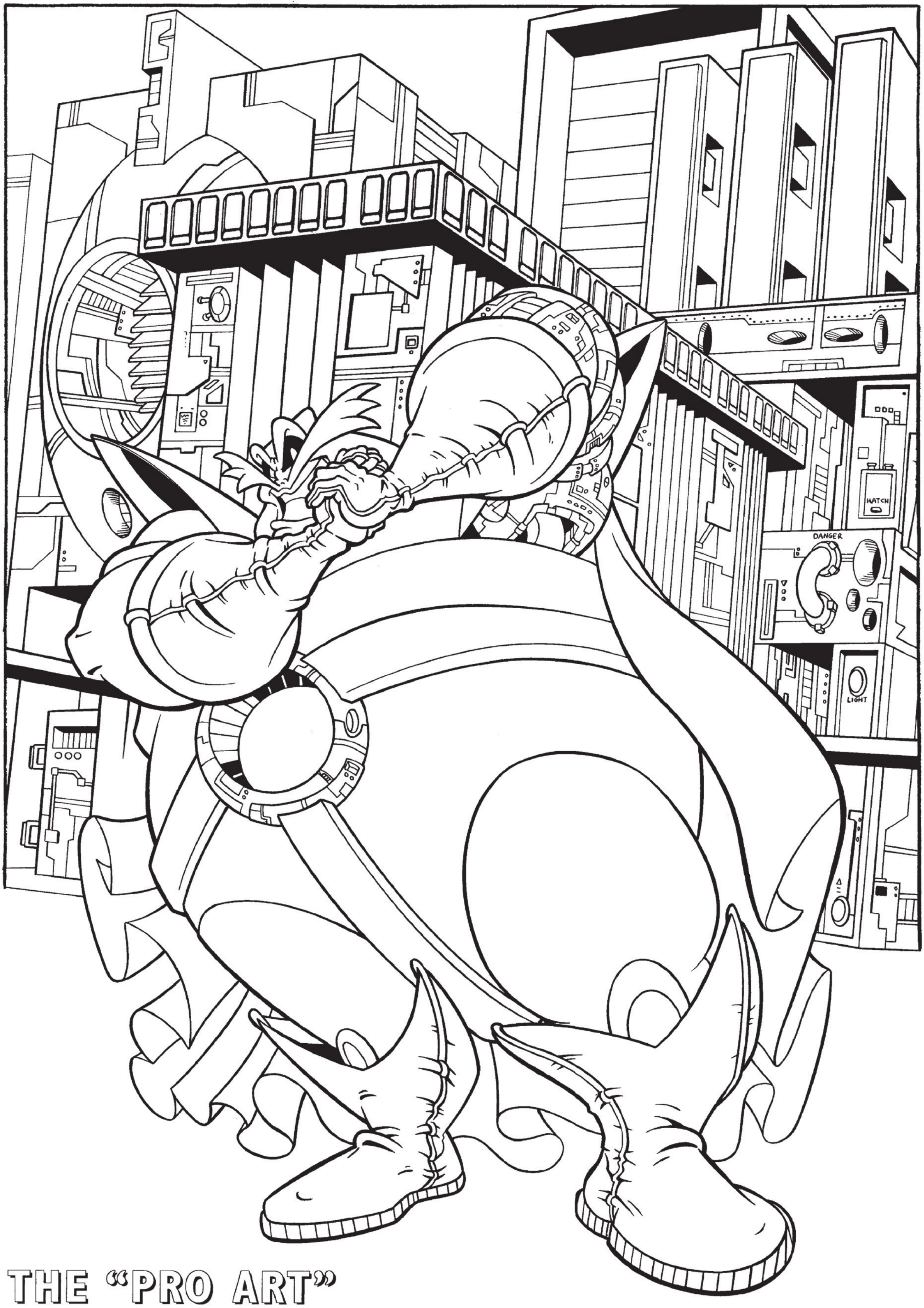
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DANGER
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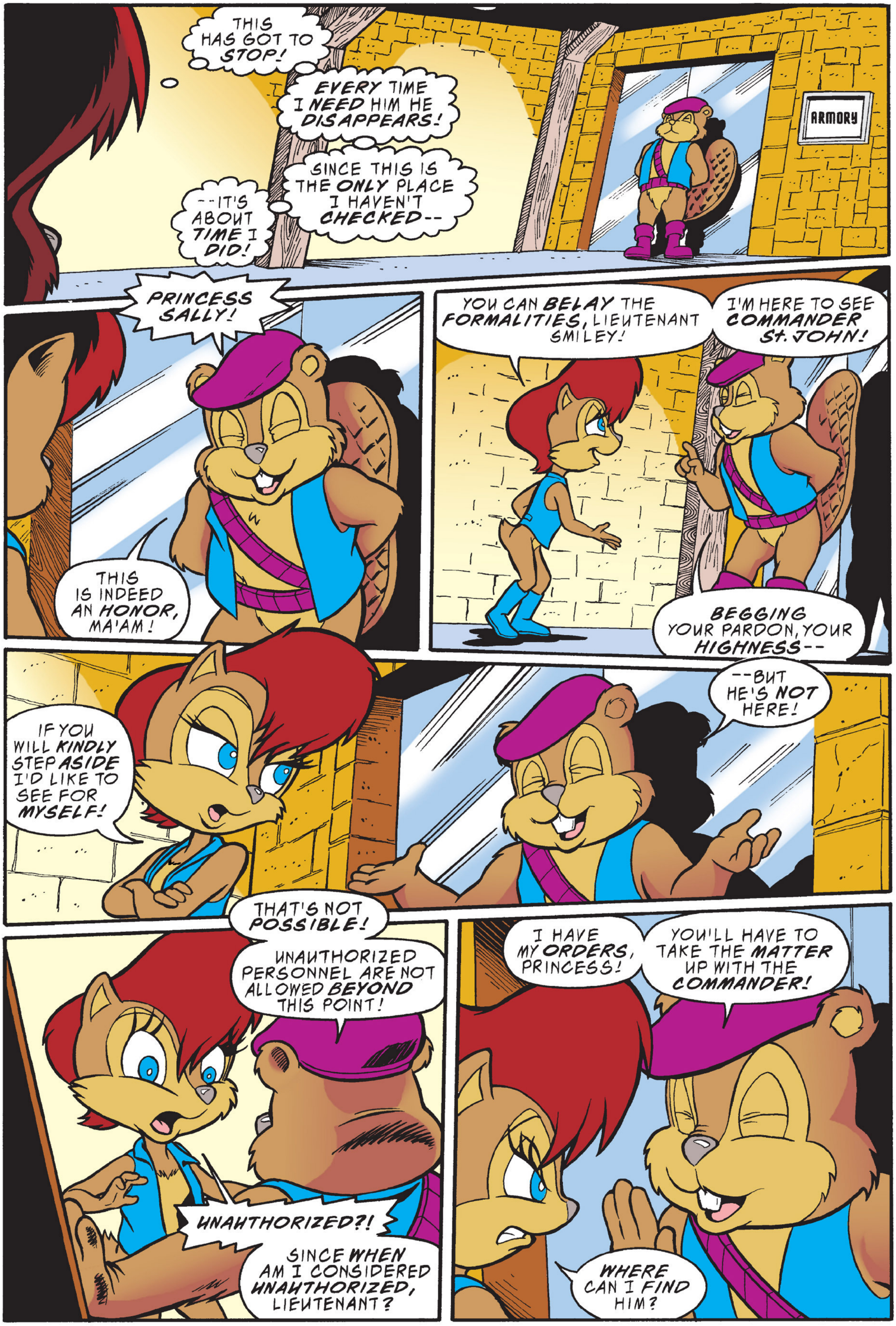
THIS HAS GOT TO STOP!
EVERY TIME I NEED HIM HE DISAPPEARS!
SINCE THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE I HAVEN'T CHECKED--
--IT'S ABOUT TIME I DID!
ARMORY
PRINCESS SALLY!
THIS IS INDEED AN HONOR, MA'AM!
YOU CAN BELAY THE FORMALITIES, LIEUTENANT SMILEY!
I'M HERE TO SEE COMMANDER St. JOHN!
BEGGING YOUR PARDON, YOUR HIGHNESS--
IF YOU WILL KINDLY STEP ASIDE I'D LIKE TO SEE FOR MYSELF!
--BUT HE'S NOT HERE!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ARE NOT ALLOWED BEYOND THIS POINT!
UNAUTHORIZED?!
SINCE WHEN AM I CONSIDERED UNAUTHORIZED, LIEUTENANT?
I HAVE MY ORDERS, PRINCESS!
YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH THE COMMANDER!
WHERE CAN I FIND HIM?

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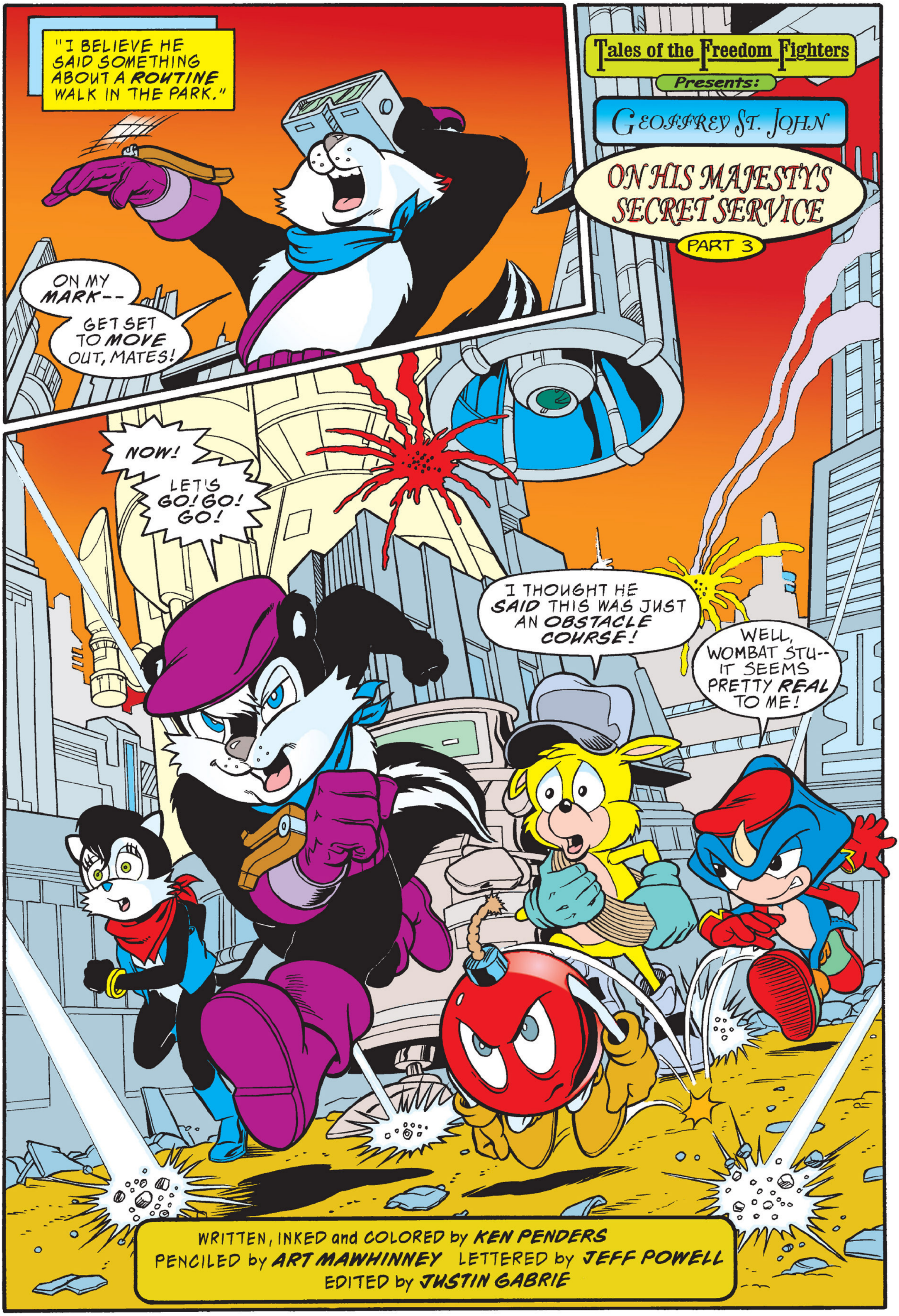
"I BELIEVE HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A ROUTINE WALK IN THE PARK."
ON MY MARK--
GET SET TO MOVE OUT, MATES!
NOW!
LET'S GO! GO! GO!
I THOUGHT HE SAID THIS WAS JUST AN OBSTACLE COURSE!
WELL, WOMBAT STU-- IT SEEMS PRETTY REAL TO ME!

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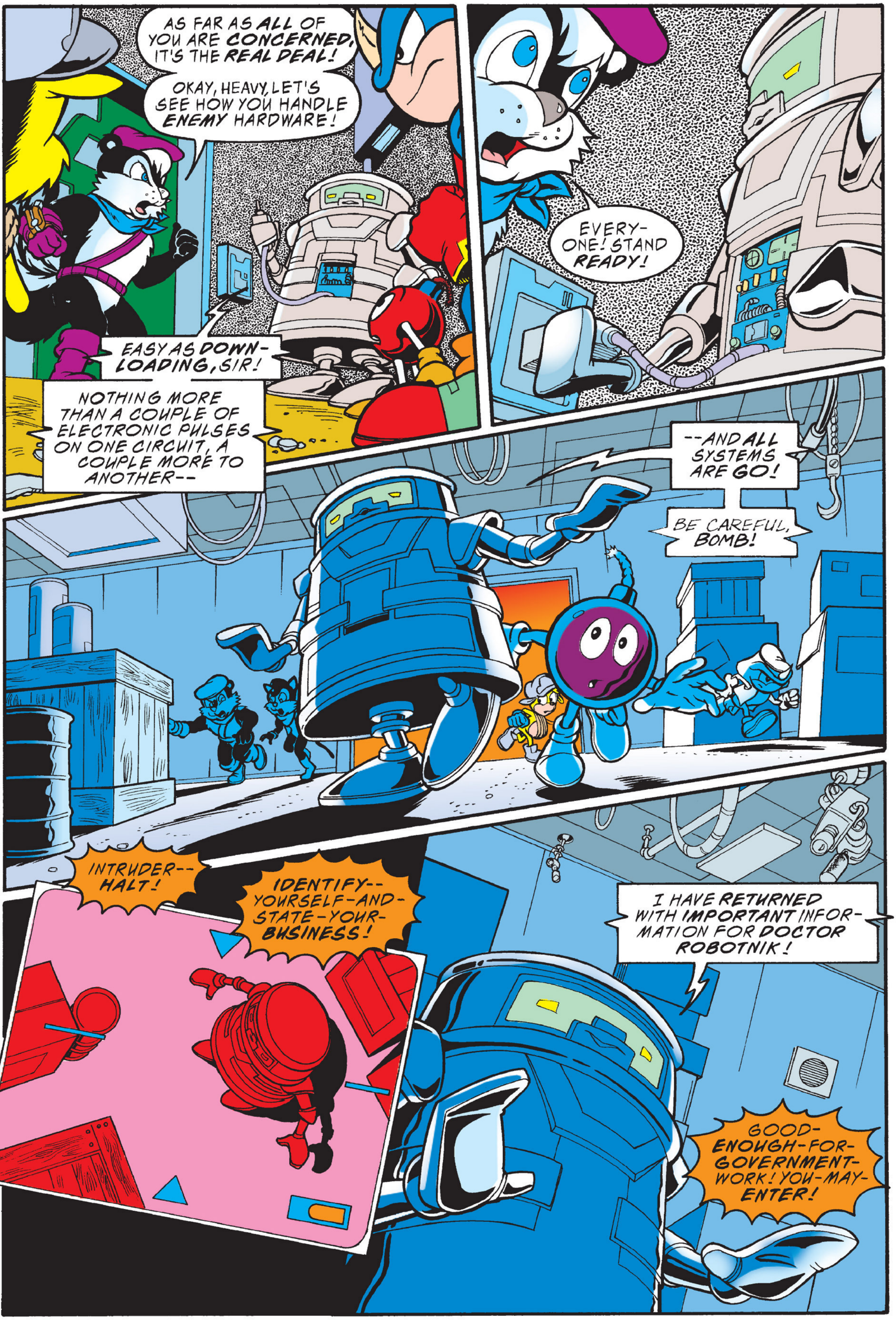
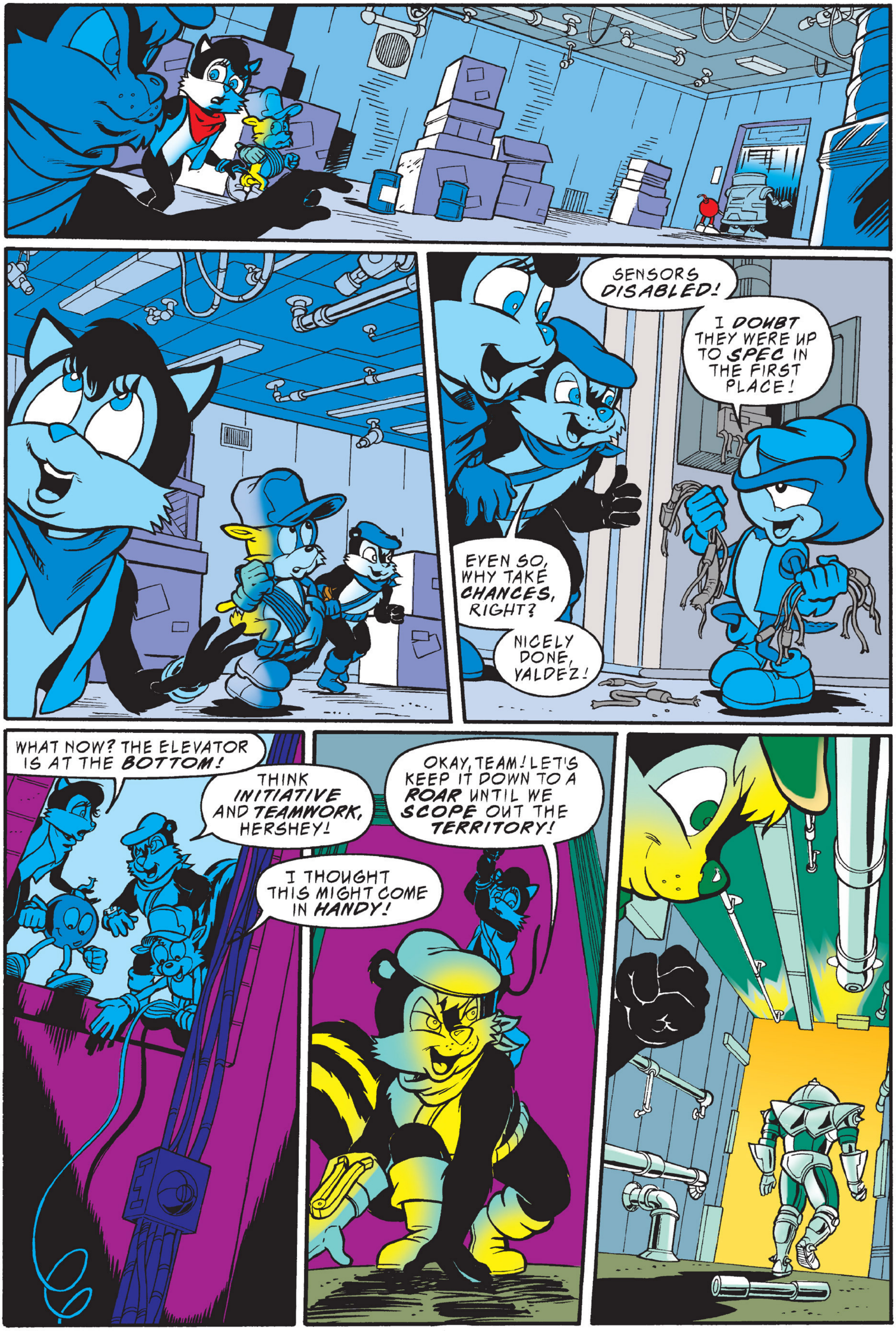
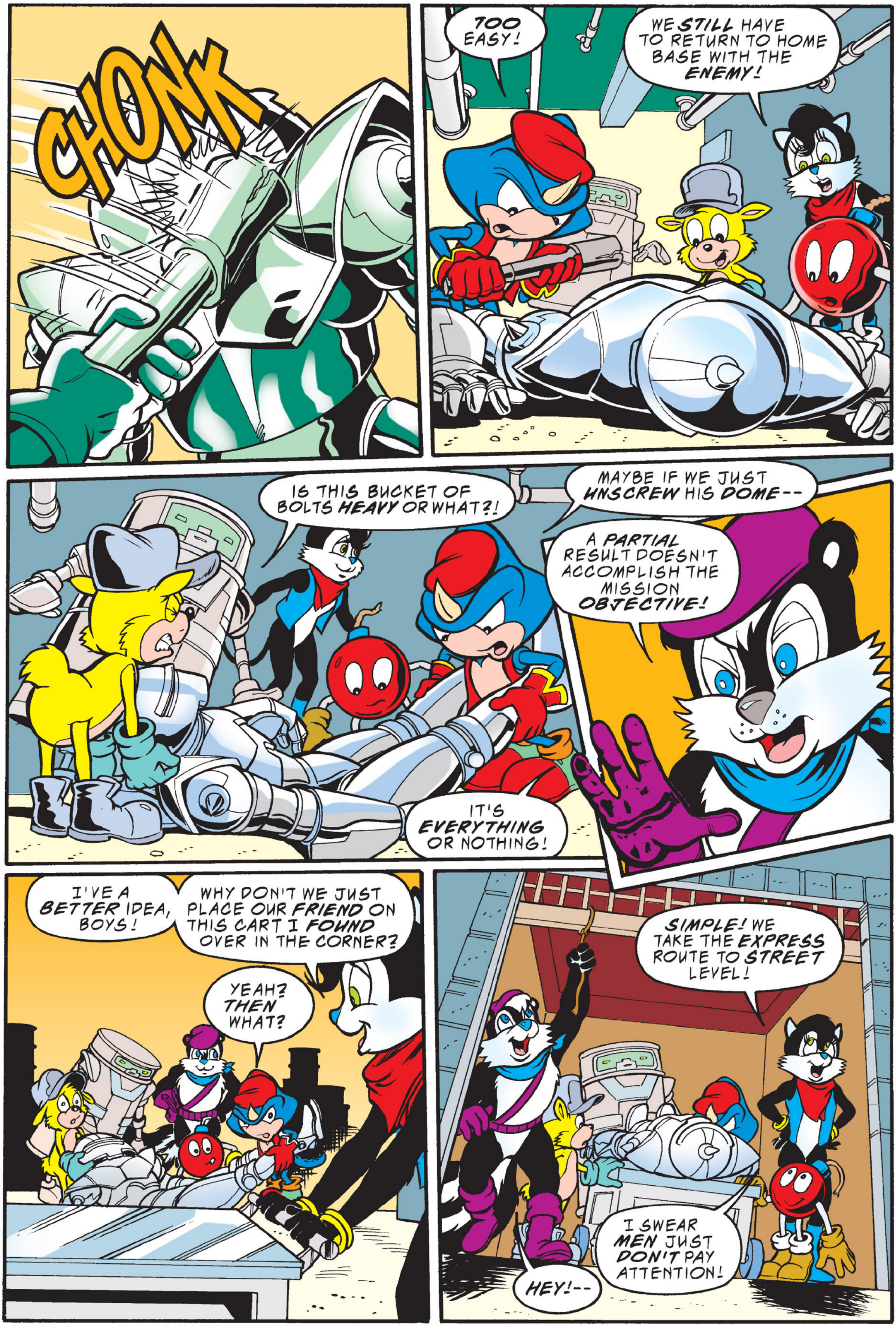
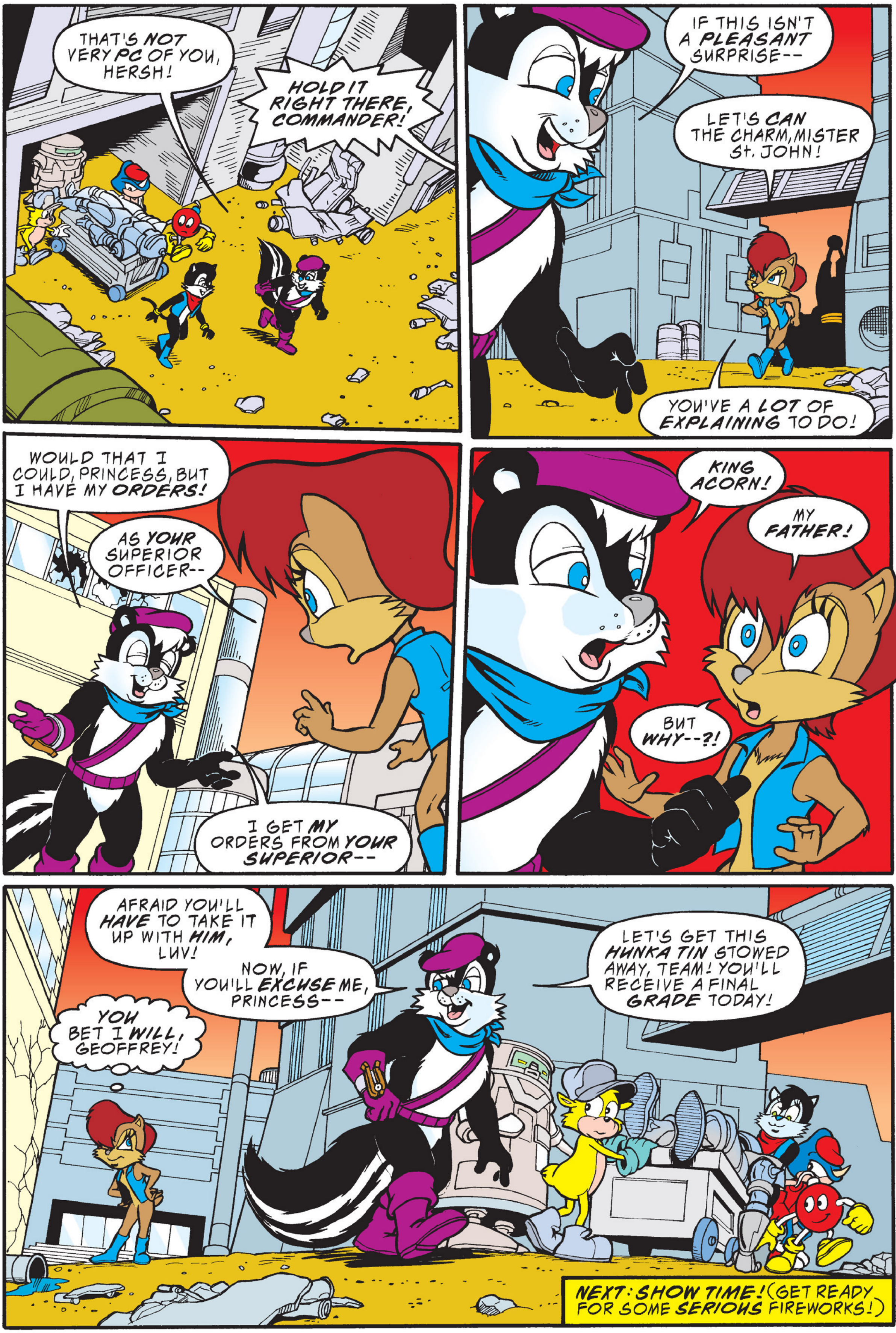

AS FAR AS **ALL** OF YOU ARE **CONCERNED**, IT'S THE **REAL DEAL**!
OKAY, HEAVY, LET'S SEE HOW YOU HANDLE **ENEMY** HARDWARE!
EASY AS **DOWNLOADING**, SIR!
NOTHING MORE THAN A COUPLE OF ELECTRONIC PULSES ON ONE CIRCUIT, A COUPLE MORE TO ANOTHER--
EVERY-ONE! STAND **READY**!
--AND **ALL** SYSTEMS ARE **GO**!
BE CAREFUL, **BOMB**!
INTRUDER-- **HALT**!
IDENTIFY-- YOURSELF-AND-STATE-YOUR-**BUSINESS**!
I HAVE **RETURNED** WITH **IMPORTANT** INFORMATION FOR **DOCTOR ROBOTNIK**!
GOOD-**ENOUGH**-FOR-**GOVERNMENT**-WORK! YOU-MAY-**ENTER**!


SENSORS *DISABLED!*
I *DOUBT* THEY WERE UP TO *SPEC* IN THE FIRST PLACE!
EVEN SO, WHY TAKE *CHANCES*, RIGHT?
NICELY DONE, VALDEZ!
WHAT NOW? THE ELEVATOR IS AT THE *BOTTOM!*
THINK *INITIATIVE* AND *TEAMWORK*, HERSHEY!
I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT COME IN *HANDY!*
OKAY, TEAM! LET'S KEEP IT DOWN TO A *ROAR* UNTIL WE *SCOPE* OUT THE *TERRITORY!*


CHONK
TOO EASY!
WE STILL HAVE TO RETURN TO HOME BASE WITH THE ENEMY!
IS THIS BUCKET OF BOLTS HEAVY OR WHAT?!
MAYBE IF WE JUST UNSCREW HIS DOME--
A PARTIAL RESULT DOESN'T ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION OBJECTIVE!
IT'S EVERYTHING OR NOTHING!
I'VE A BETTER IDEA, BOYS!
WHY DON'T WE JUST PLACE OUR FRIEND ON THIS CART I FOUND OVER IN THE CORNER?
YEAH? THEN WHAT?
SIMPLE! WE TAKE THE EXPRESS ROUTE TO STREET LEVEL!
I SWEAR MEN JUST DON'T PAY ATTENTION!
HEY!--


THAT'S NOT VERY PC OF YOU, HERSH!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, COMMANDER!
IF THIS ISN'T A PLEASANT SURPRISE--
LET'S CAN THE CHARM, MISTER St. JOHN!
YOU'VE A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO!
WOULD THAT I COULD, PRINCESS, BUT I HAVE MY ORDERS!
AS YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICER--
I GET MY ORDERS FROM YOUR SUPERIOR--
KING ACORN!
MY FATHER!
BUT WHY--?!
AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT UP WITH HIM, LUV!
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, PRINCESS--
YOU BET I WILL, GEOFFREY!
LET'S GET THIS HUNKA TIN STOWED AWAY, TEAM! YOU'LL RECEIVE A FINAL GRADE TODAY!
NEXT: SHOW TIME! (GET READY FOR SOME SERIOUS FIREWORKS!)

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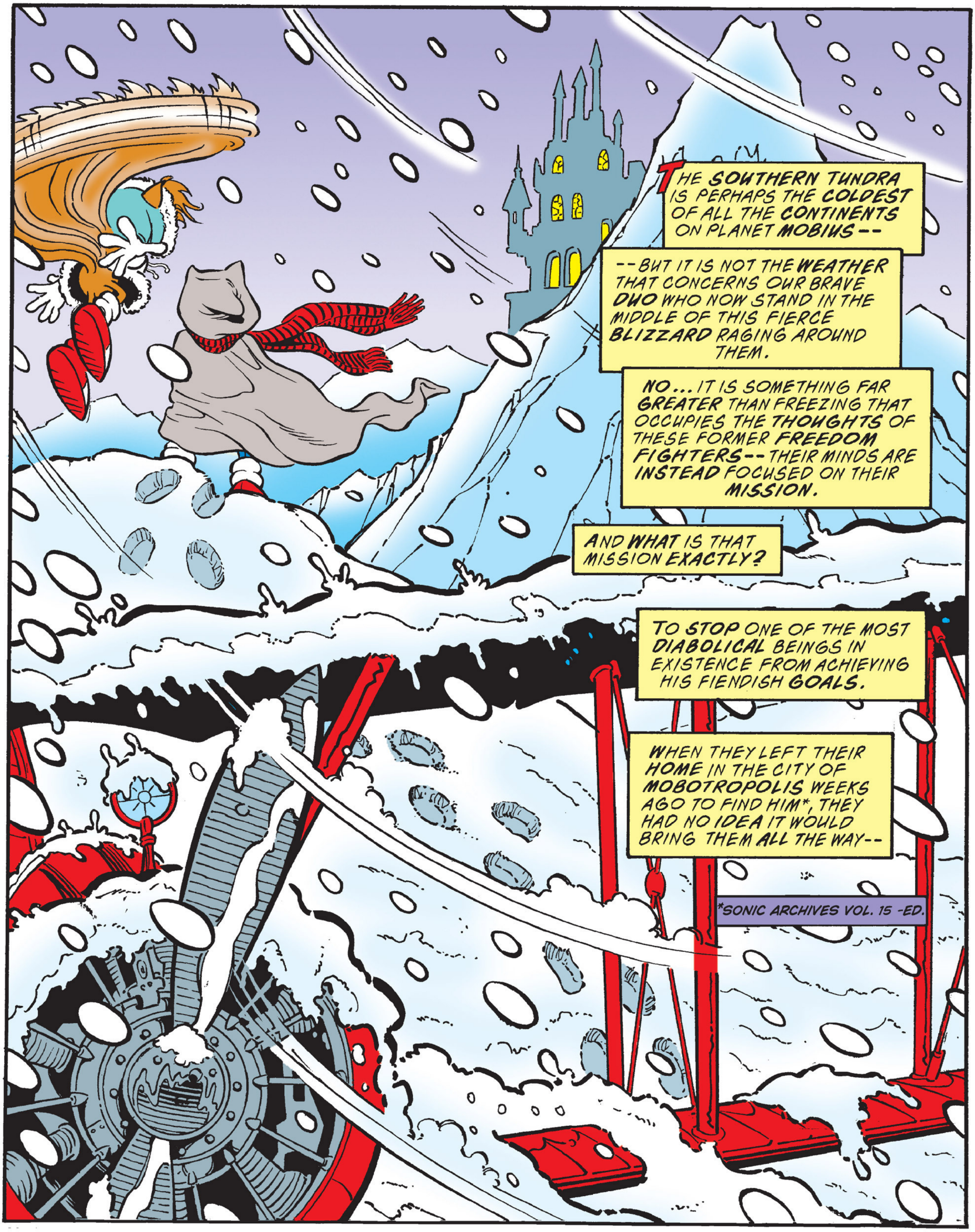
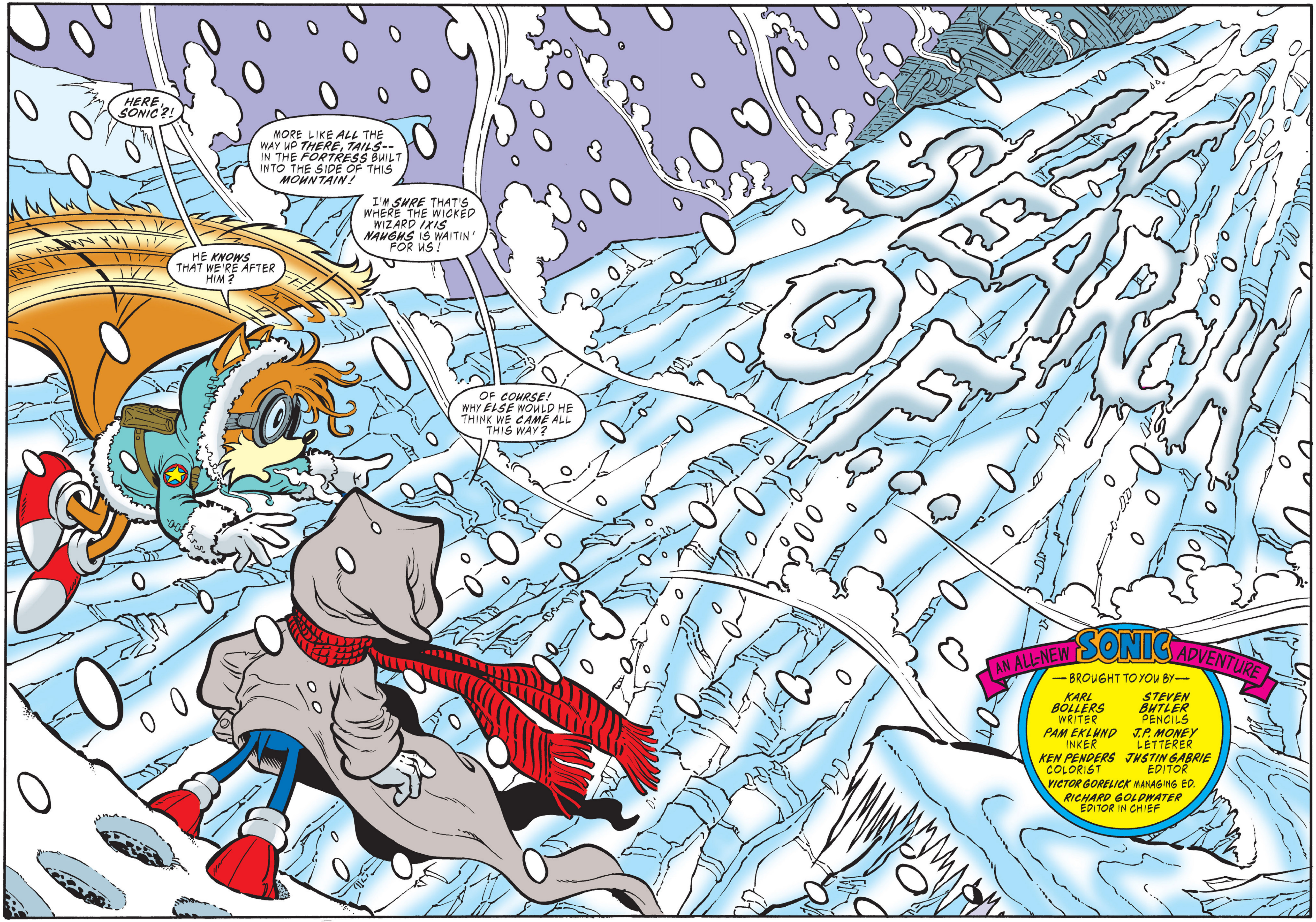

THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA IS PERHAPS THE COLDEST OF ALL THE CONTINENTS ON PLANET MOBIUS --
-- BUT IT IS NOT THE WEATHER THAT CONCERNS OUR BRAVE DUO WHO NOW STAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS FIERCE BLIZZARD RAGING AROUND THEM.
NO... IT IS SOMETHING FAR GREATER THAN FREEZING THAT OCCUPIES THE THOUGHTS OF THESE FORMER FREEDOM FIGHTERS -- THEIR MINDS ARE INSTEAD FOCUSED ON THEIR MISSION.
AND WHAT IS THAT MISSION EXACTLY?
TO STOP ONE OF THE MOST DIABOLICAL BEINGS IN EXISTENCE FROM ACHIEVING HIS FIENDISH GOALS.
WHEN THEY LEFT THEIR HOME IN THE CITY OF MOBOTROPOLIS WEEKS AGO TO FIND HIM*, THEY HAD NO IDEA IT WOULD BRING THEM ALL THE WAY--
*SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 15 -ED.


HERE, SONIC?!
MORE LIKE **ALL** THE WAY UP **THERE, TAILS**-- IN THE **FORTRESS** BUILT INTO THE SIDE OF THIS **MOUNTAIN!**
HE **KNOWS** THAT WE'RE AFTER HIM?
I'M **SURE** THAT'S WHERE THE WICKED WIZARD **IXIS NAUGUS** IS WAITIN' FOR US!
OF **COURSE!** WHY **ELSE** WOULD HE THINK WE **CAME** ALL THIS WAY?
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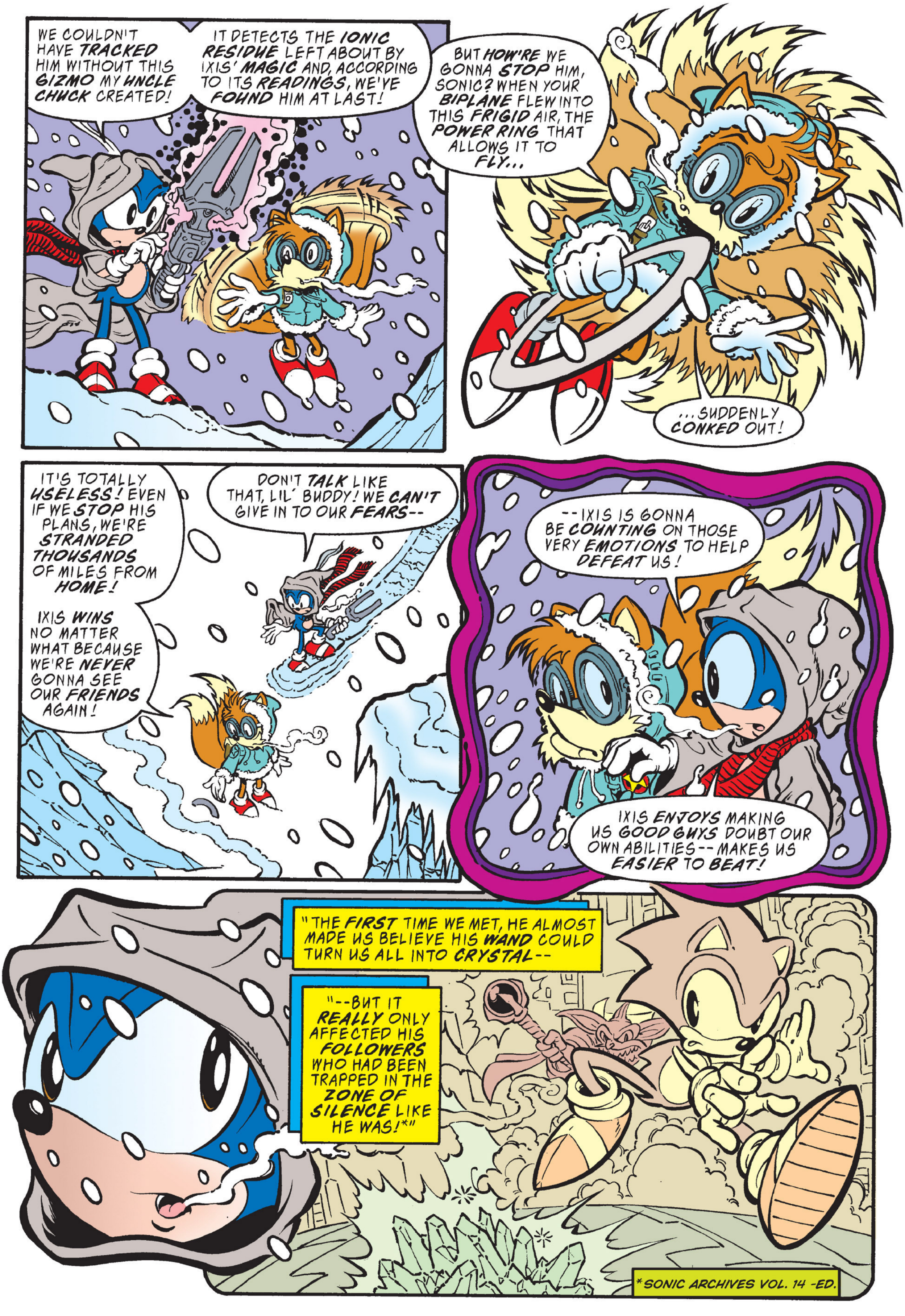
WE COULDN'T HAVE TRACKED HIM WITHOUT THIS GIZMO MY UNCLE CHUCK CREATED!
IT DETECTS THE IONIC RESIDUE LEFT ABOUT BY IXIS' MAGIC AND, ACCORDING TO ITS READINGS, WE'VE FOUND HIM AT LAST!
BUT HOW'RE WE GONNA STOP HIM, SONIC? WHEN YOUR BIPLANE FLEW INTO THIS FRIGID AIR, THE POWER RING THAT ALLOWS IT TO FLY...
...SUDDENLY CONKED OUT!
IT'S TOTALLY USELESS! EVEN IF WE STOP HIS PLANS, WE'RE STRANDED THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HOME!
IXIS WINS NO MATTER WHAT BECAUSE WE'RE NEVER GONNA SEE OUR FRIENDS AGAIN!
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, LIL' BUDDY! WE CAN'T GIVE IN TO OUR FEARS--
--IXIS IS GONNA BE COUNTING ON THOSE VERY EMOTIONS TO HELP DEFEAT US!
IXIS ENJOYS MAKING US GOOD GUYS DOUBT OUR OWN ABILITIES--MAKES US EASIER TO BEAT!
"THE FIRST TIME WE MET, HE ALMOST MADE US BELIEVE HIS WAND COULD TURN US ALL INTO CRYSTAL--
"--BUT IT REALLY ONLY AFFECTED HIS FOLLOWERS WHO HAD BEEN TRAPPED IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE LIKE HE WAS!*"
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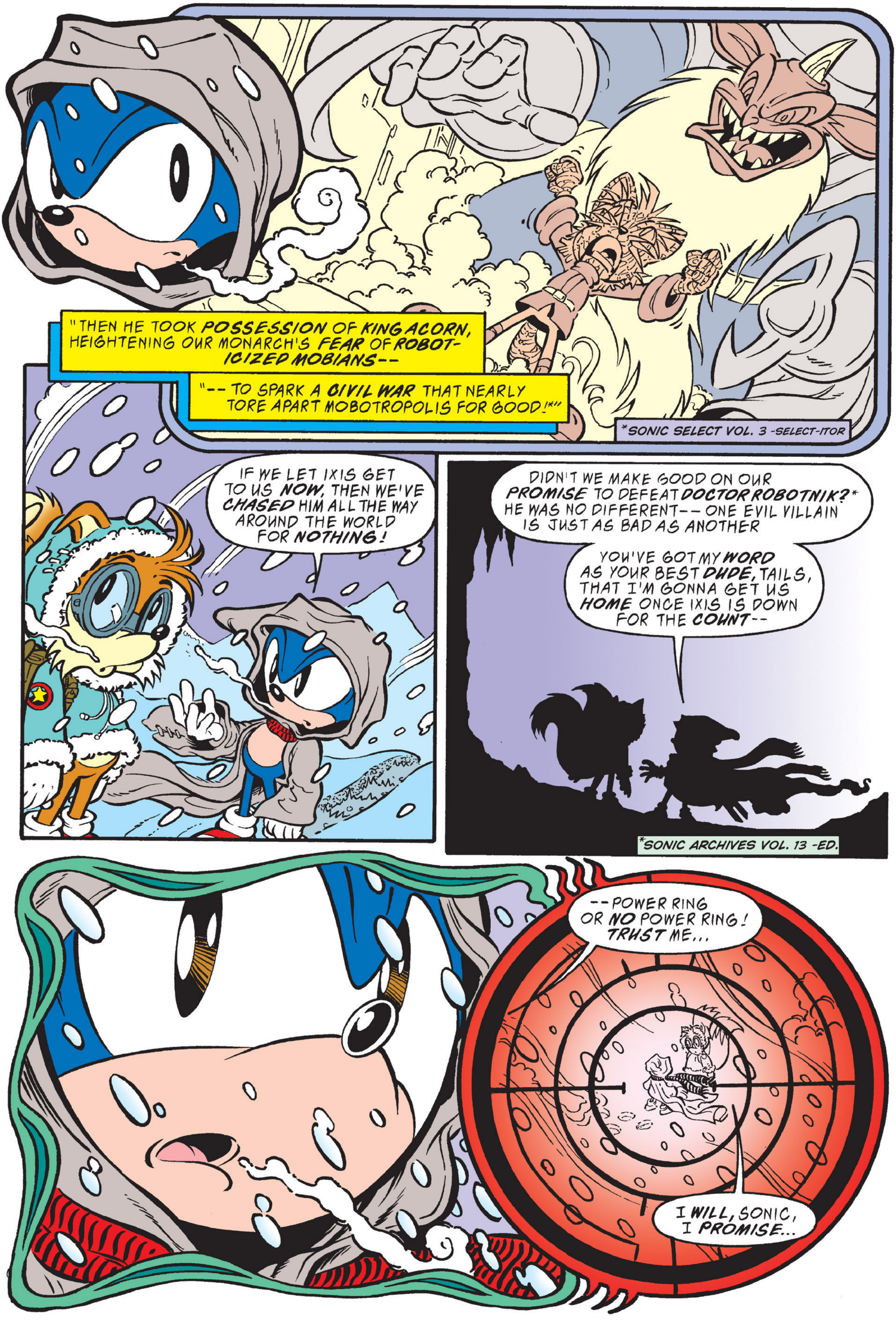
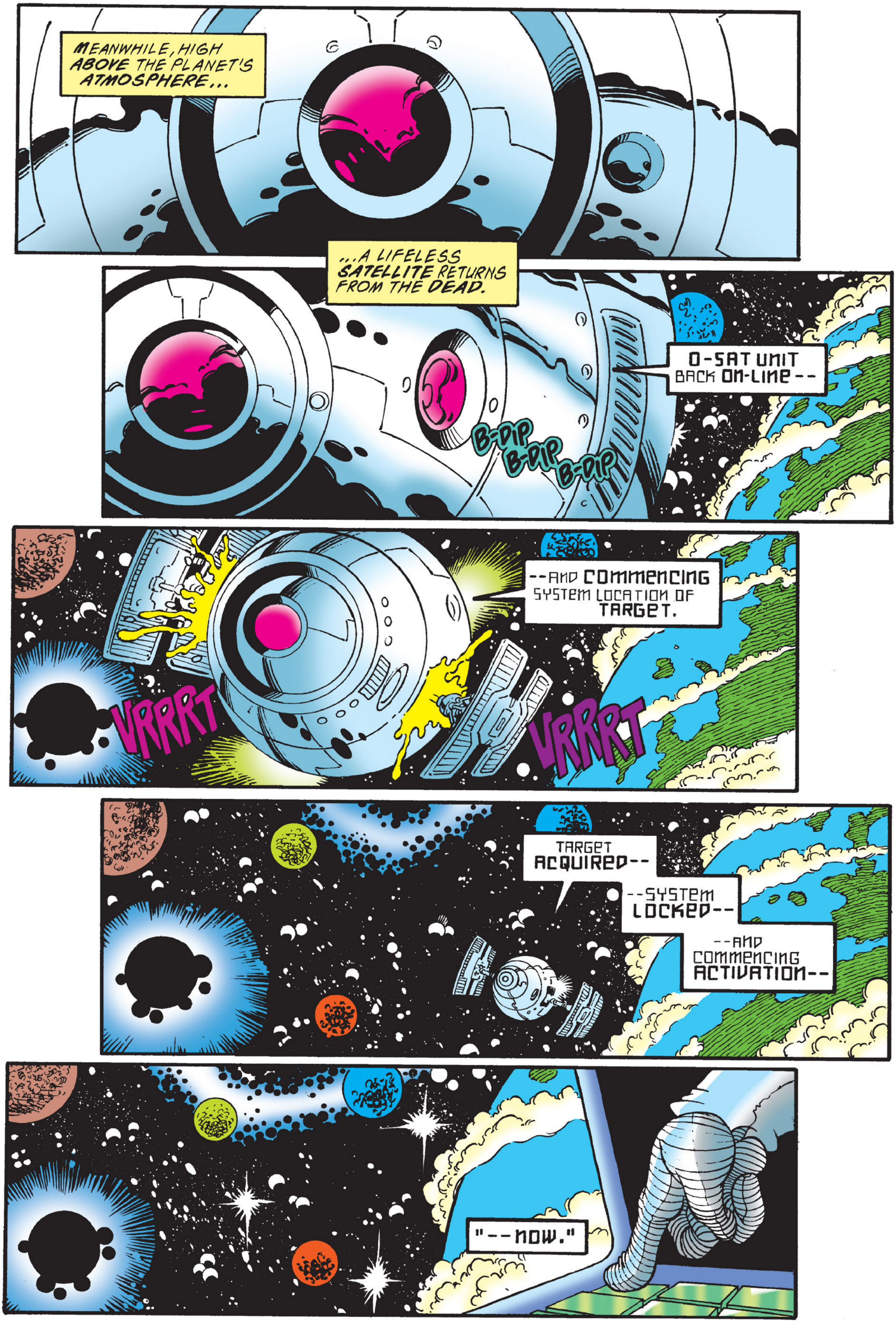
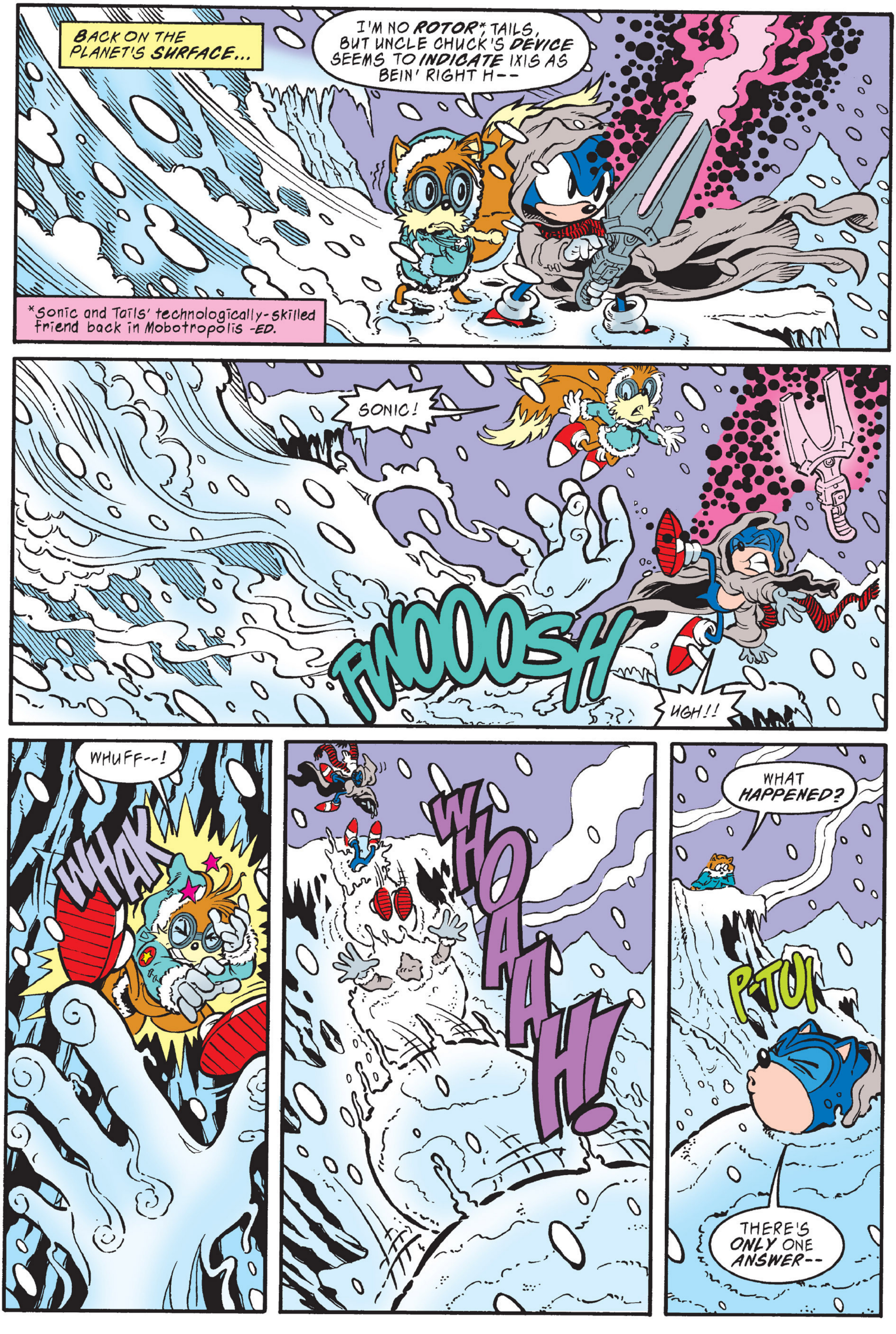
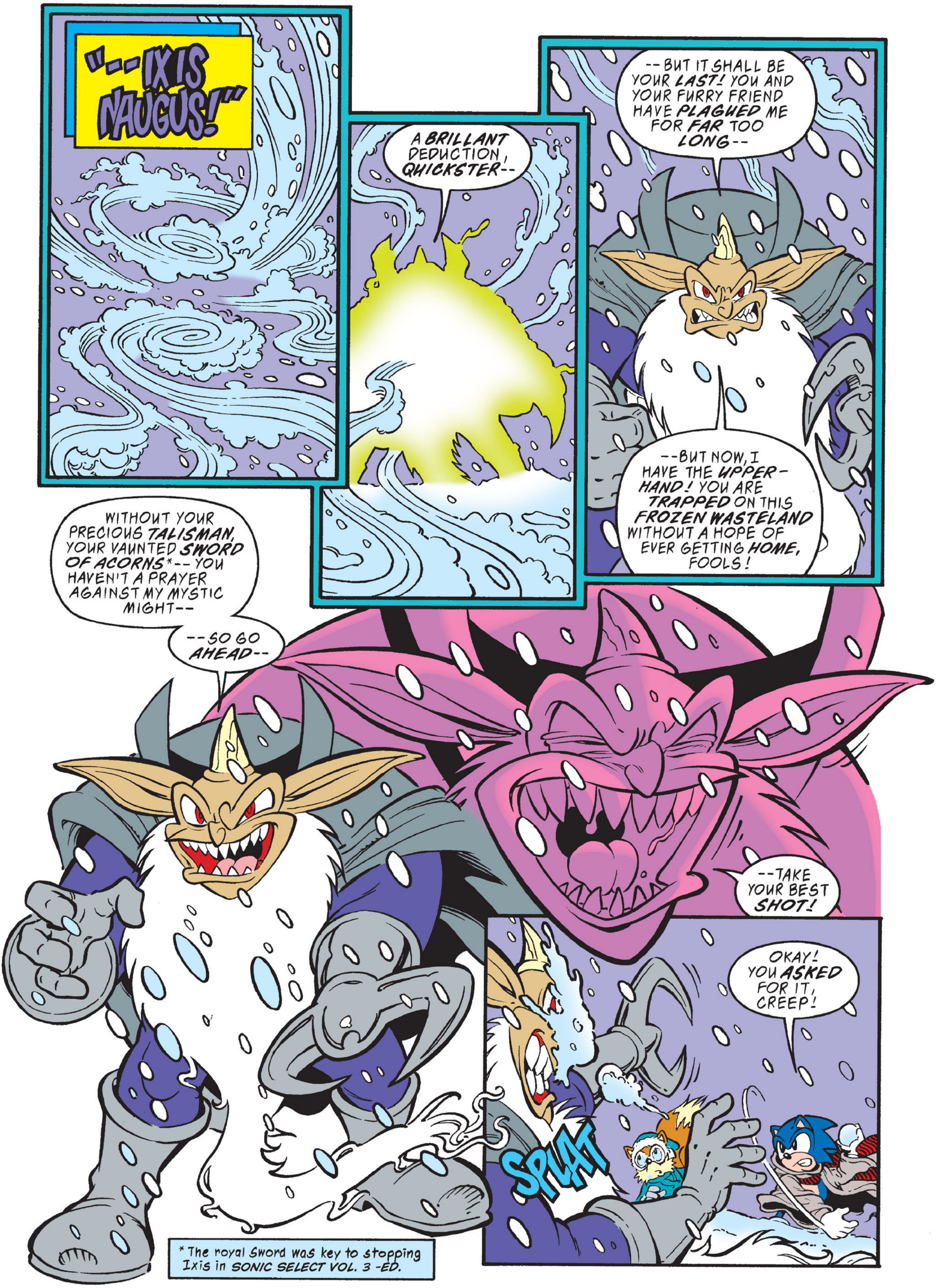
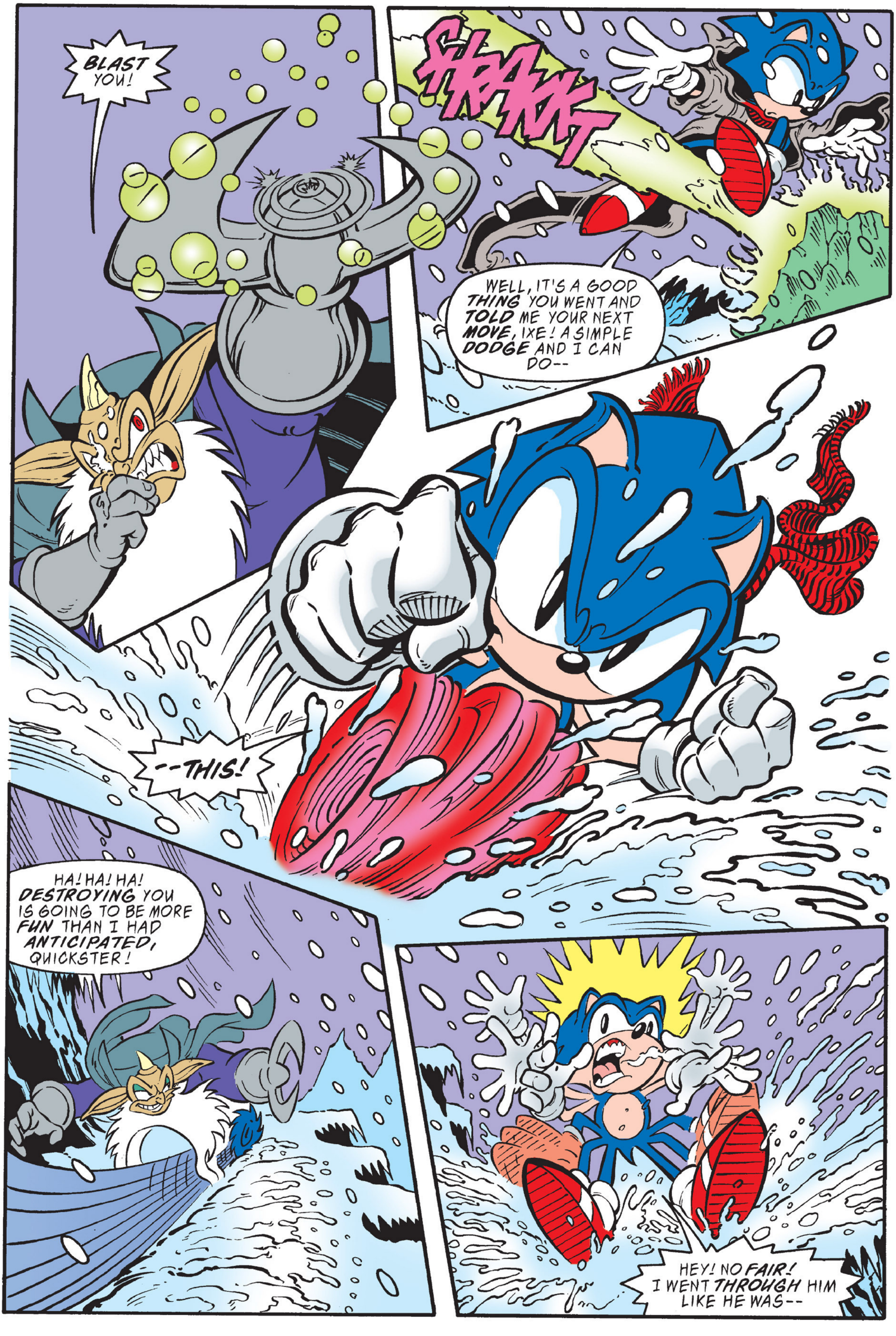

"THEN HE TOOK POSSESSION OF KING ACORN, HEIGHTENING OUR MONARCH'S FEAR OF ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS--
"-- TO SPARK A CIVIL WAR THAT NEARLY TORE APART MOBOTROPOLIS FOR GOOD!*"
*SONIC SELECT VOL. 3 -SELECT-ITOR
IF WE LET IXIS GET TO US NOW, THEN WE'VE CHASED HIM ALL THE WAY AROUND THE WORLD FOR NOTHING!
DIDN'T WE MAKE GOOD ON OUR PROMISE TO DEFEAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?* HE WAS NO DIFFERENT-- ONE EVIL VILLAIN IS JUST AS BAD AS ANOTHER
YOU'VE GOT MY WORD AS YOUR BEST DUDE, TAILS, THAT I'M GONNA GET US HOME ONCE IXIS IS DOWN FOR THE COUNT--
*SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 13 -ED.
--POWER RING OR NO POWER RING! TRUST ME...
I WILL, SONIC, I PROMISE...

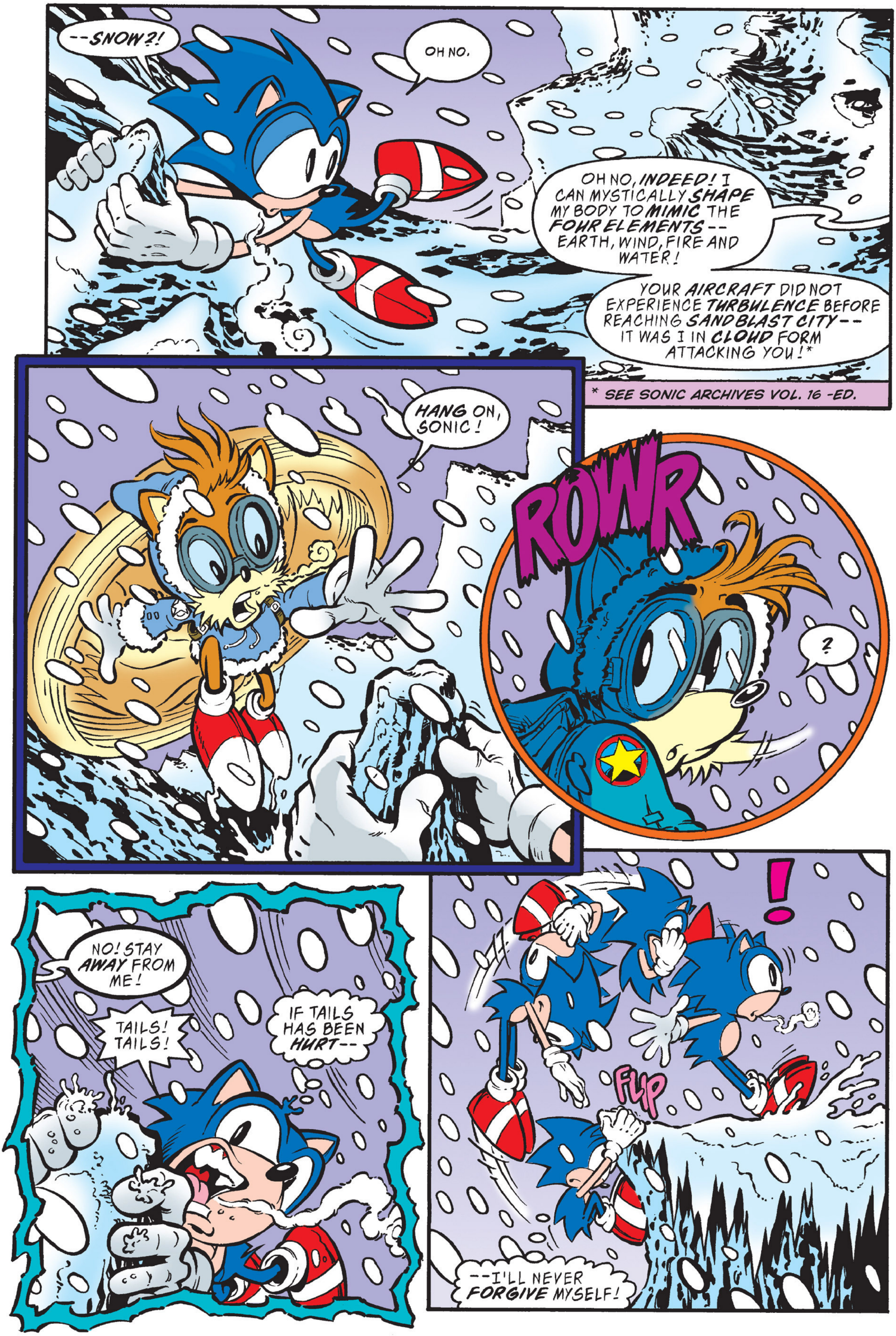

MEANWHILE, HIGH ABOVE THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE...
...A LIFELESS SATELLITE RETURNS FROM THE DEAD.
O-SAT UNIT BACK ON-LINE--
B-DIP B-DIP B-DIP
--AND COMMENCING SYSTEM LOCATION OF TARGET.
VRRRT
VRRRT
TARGET ACQUIRED--
--SYSTEM LOCKED--
--AND COMMENCING ACTIVATION--
"--NOW."

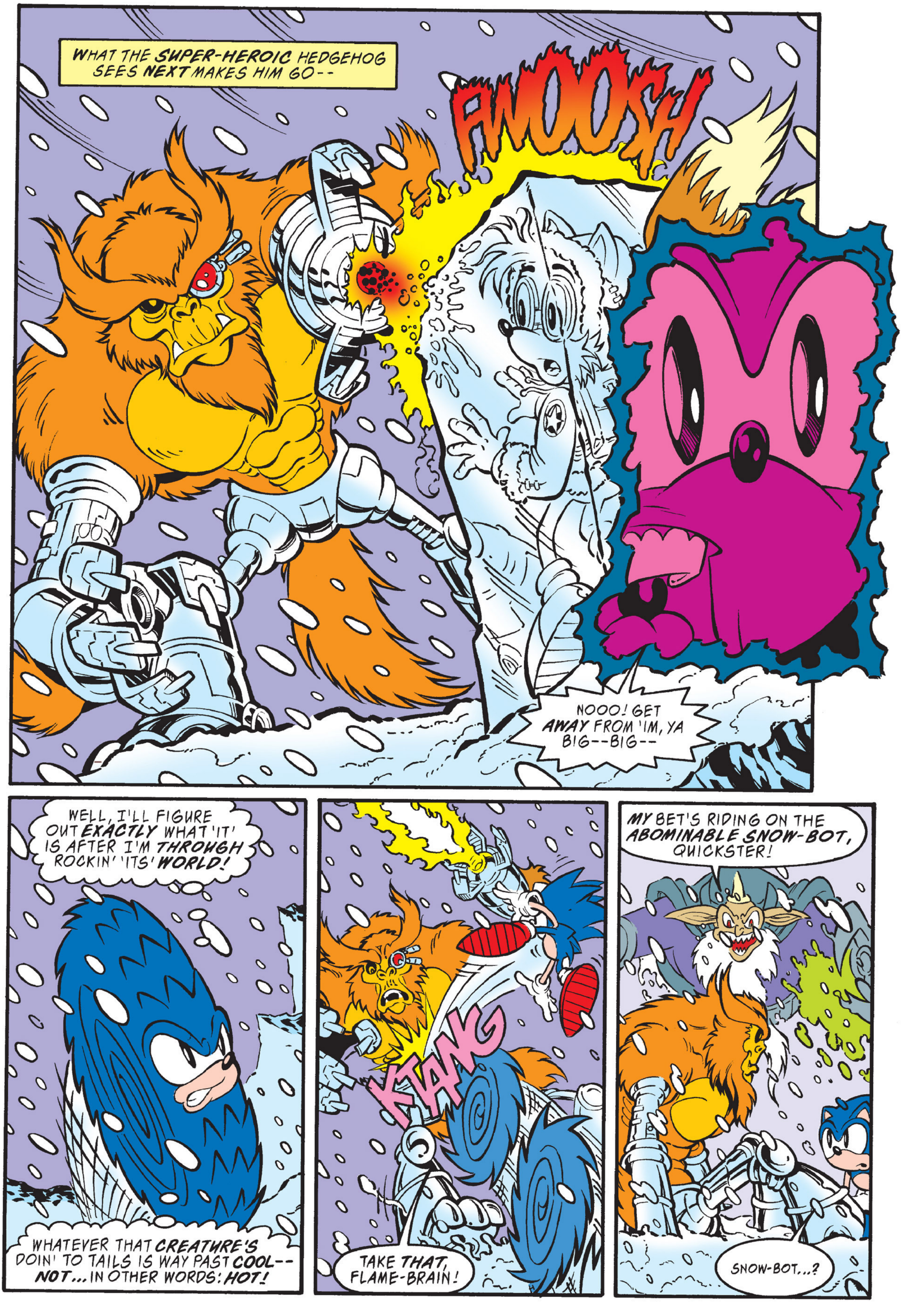

BACK ON THE PLANET'S SURFACE...
I'M NO ROTOR*, TAILS, BUT UNCLE CHUCK'S DEVICE SEEMS TO INDICATE IXIS AS BEIN' RIGHT H--
*Sonic and Tails' technologically-skilled friend back in Mobotropolis -ED.
SONIC!
FWOOOSH
UGH!!
WHUFF--!
WHAK
WHOAAAH!
WHAT HAPPENED?
P-TUI
THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER--

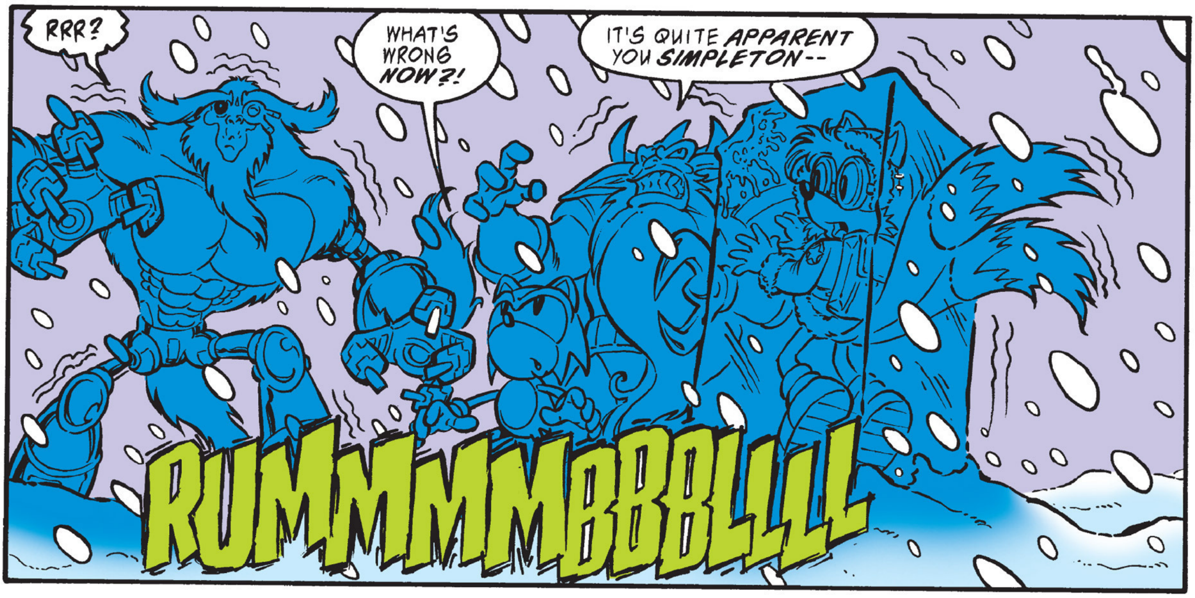

"--IX IS NAUGUS!"
A BRILLANT DEDUCTION, QUICKSTER--
--BUT IT SHALL BE YOUR LAST! YOU AND YOUR FURRY FRIEND HAVE PLAGUED ME FOR FAR TOO LONG--
--BUT NOW, I HAVE THE UPPER-HAND! YOU ARE TRAPPED ON THIS FROZEN WASTELAND WITHOUT A HOPE OF EVER GETTING HOME, FOOLS!
WITHOUT YOUR PRECIOUS TALISMAN, YOUR VAUNTED SWORD OF ACORNS*-- YOU HAVEN'T A PRAYER AGAINST MY MYSTIC MIGHT--
--SO GO AHEAD--
--TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT!
OKAY! YOU ASKED FOR IT, CREEP!
SPLAT

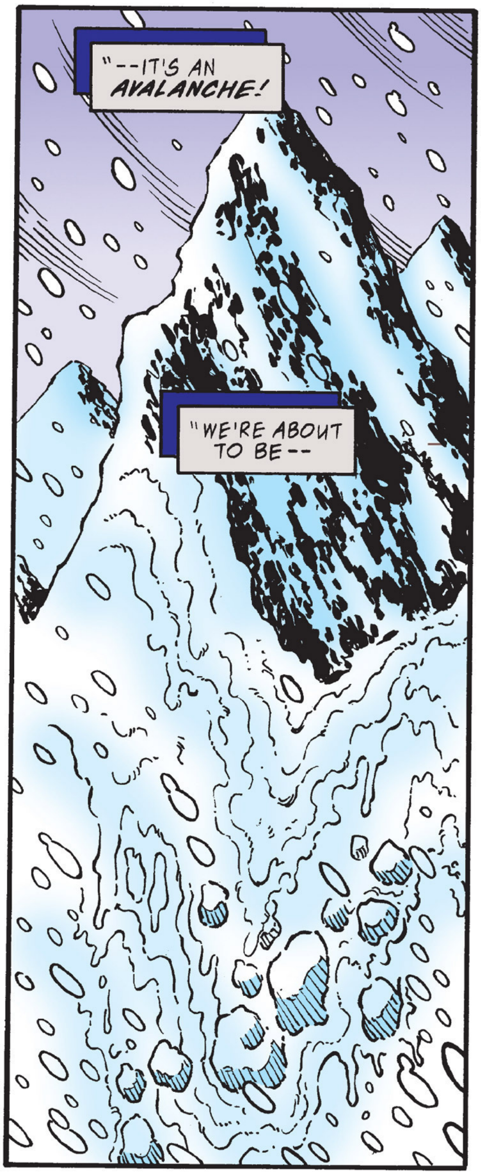
*The royal Sword was key to stopping Ixis in SONIC SELECT VOL. 3 -ED.

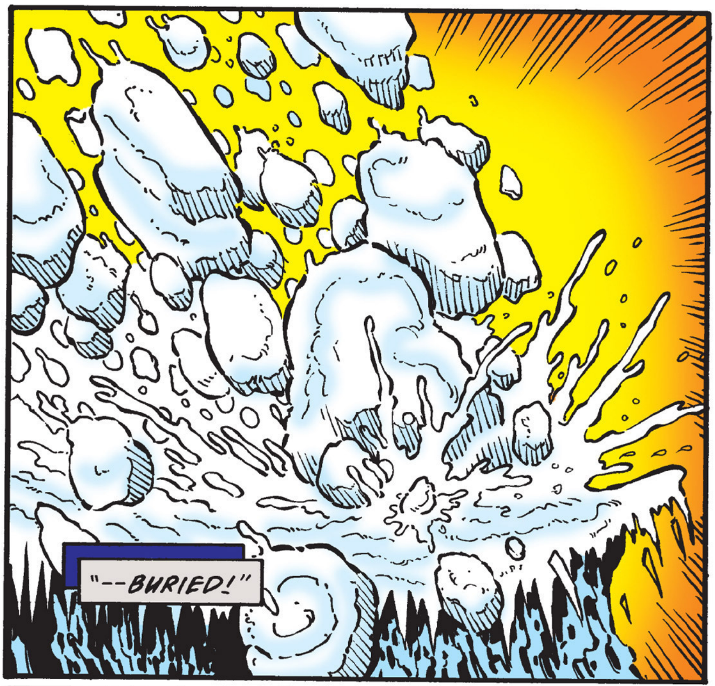

BLAST YOU!
SHRAKKT
WELL, IT'S A GOOD THING YOU WENT AND TOLD ME YOUR NEXT MOVE, IXE! A SIMPLE DODGE AND I CAN DO--
--THIS!
HA! HA! HA! DESTROYING YOU IS GOING TO BE MORE FUN THAN I HAD ANTICIPATED, QUICKSTER!
HEY! NO FAIR! I WENT THROUGH HIM LIKE HE WAS--

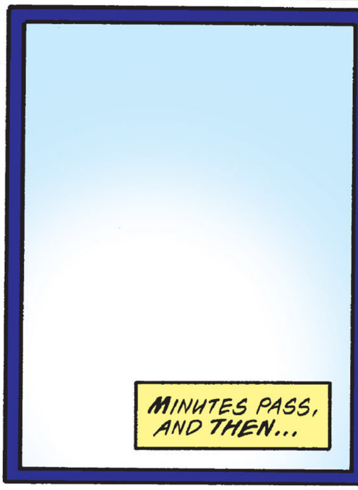

--SNOW?!
OH NO.
OH NO, INDEED! I CAN MYSTICALLY SHAPE MY BODY TO MIMIC THE FOUR ELEMENTS--EARTH, WIND, FIRE AND WATER!
YOUR AIRCRAFT DID NOT EXPERIENCE TURBULENCE BEFORE REACHING SANDBLAST CITY--IT WAS I IN CLOUD FORM ATTACKING YOU!*
* SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16 -ED.
HANG ON, SONIC!
ROWR
?
NO! STAY AWAY FROM ME!
TAILS! TAILS!
IF TAILS HAS BEEN HURT--
!
FLIP
--I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF!

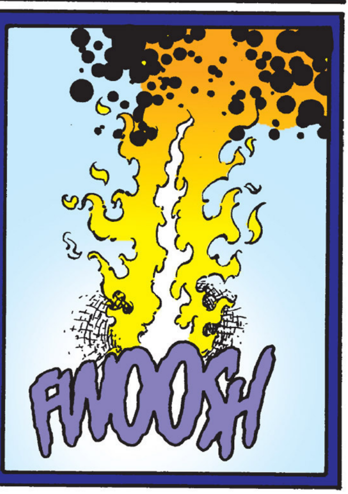

WHAT THE **SUPER-HEROIC** HEDGEHOG SEES **NEXT** MAKES HIM GO--
FWOOSH!
NOOO! GET **AWAY** FROM 'IM, YA BIG--BIG--
WELL, I'LL FIGURE OUT **EXACTLY** WHAT 'IT' IS AFTER I'M **THROUGH** ROCKIN' 'ITS' **WORLD!**
WHATEVER THAT **CREATURE'S** DOIN' TO TAILS IS WAY PAST **COOL--** **NOT...** IN OTHER WORDS: **HOT!**
KTANG
TAKE **THAT,** FLAME-BRAIN!
MY BET'S RIDING ON THE **ABOMINABLE SNOW-BOT,** QUICKSTER!
SNOW-BOT...?


RRR?
WHAT'S WRONG *NOW?!*
IT'S QUITE *APPARENT* YOU *SIMPLETON--*
RUMMMMMBBBLLLL


"--IT'S AN *AVALANCHE!*
"WE'RE ABOUT TO BE--


"--*BURIED!*"


MINUTES PASS, AND *THEN...*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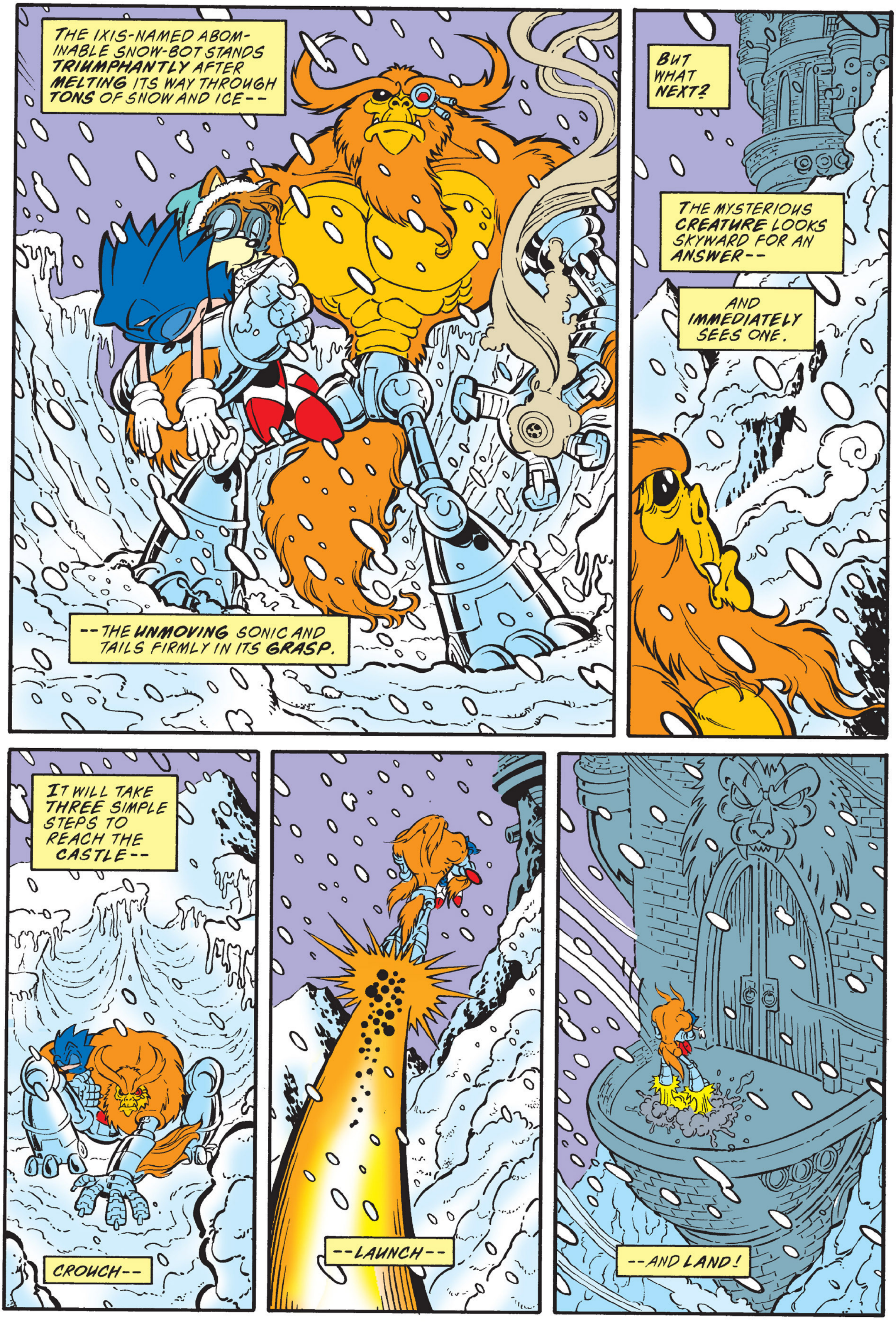
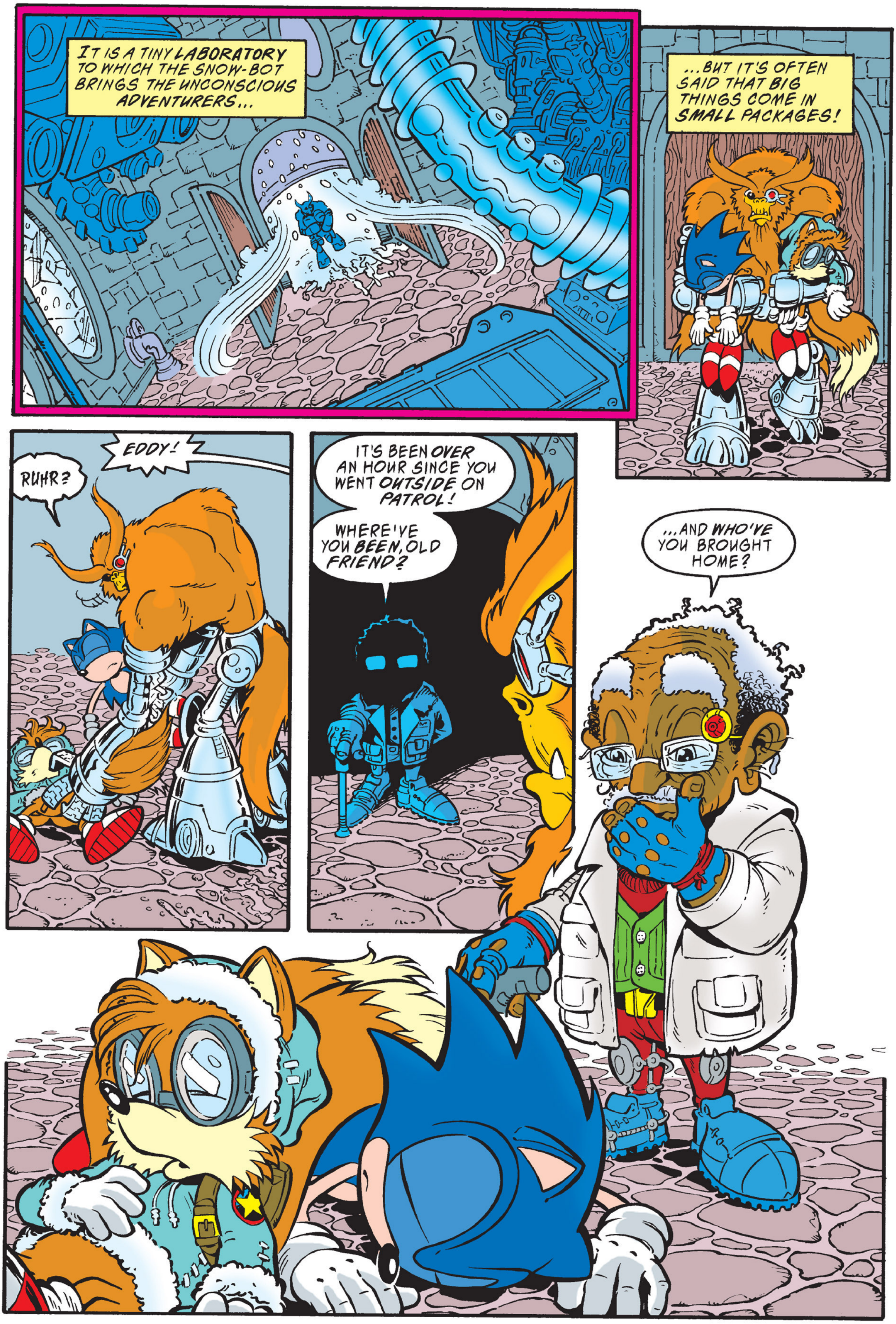
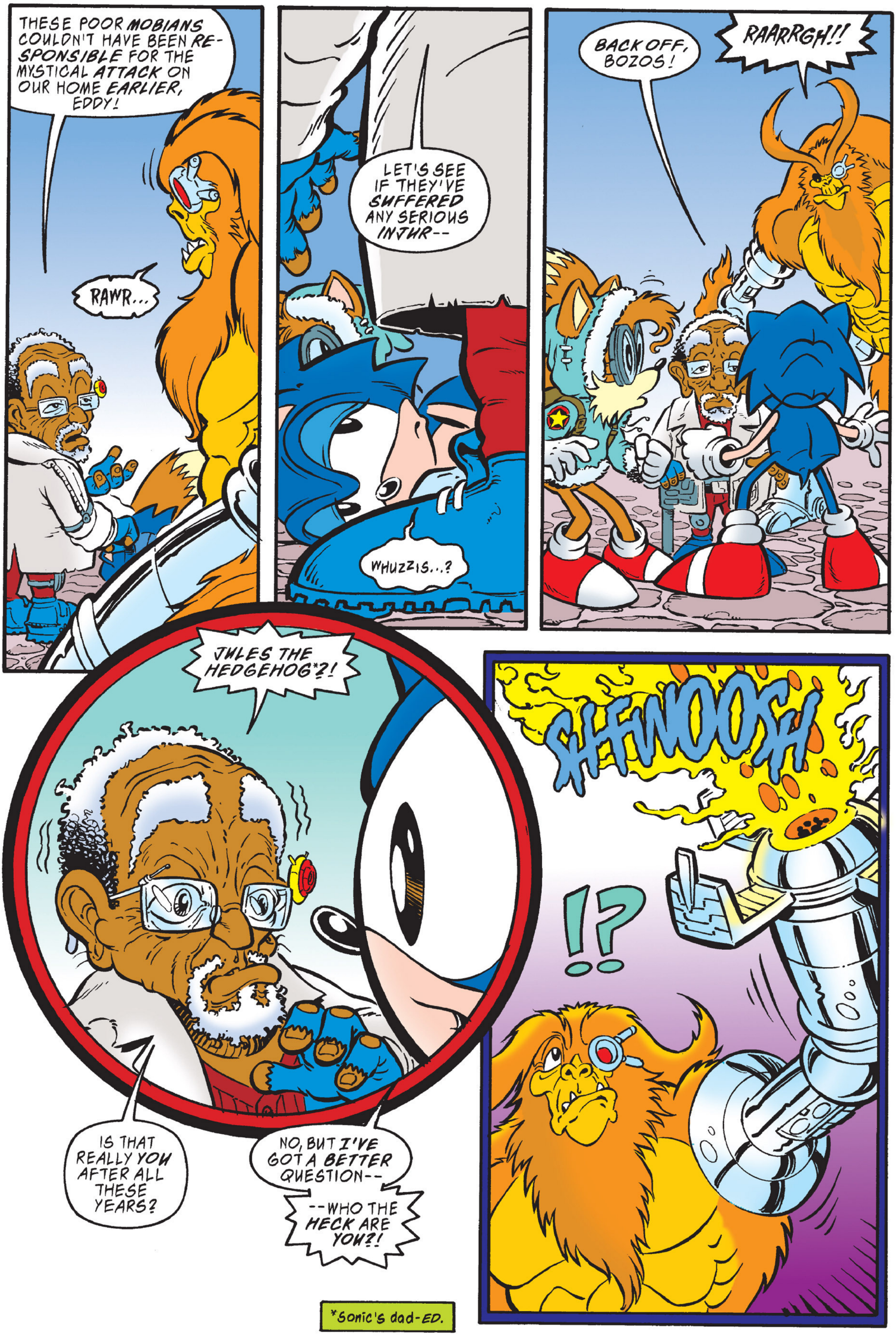
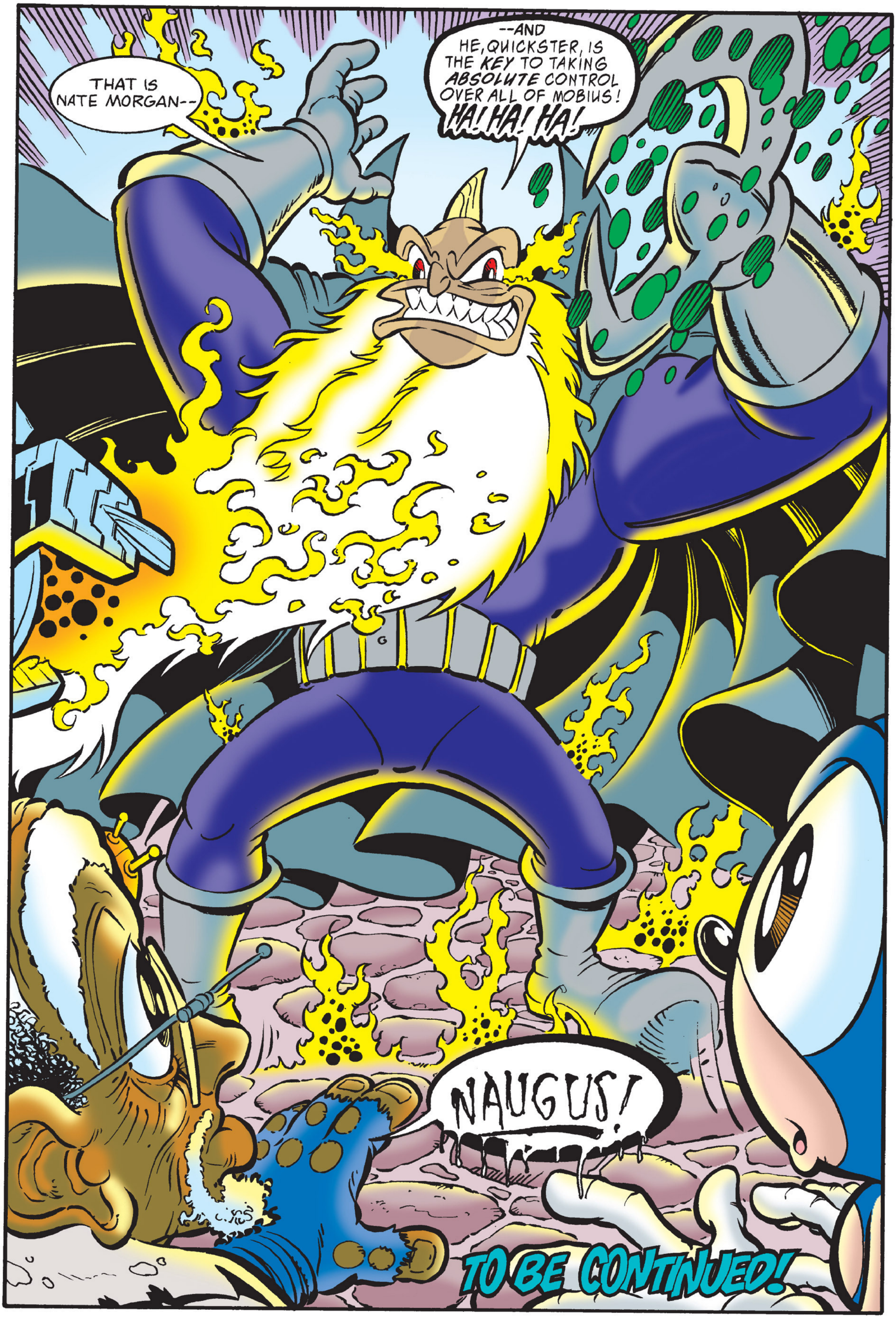
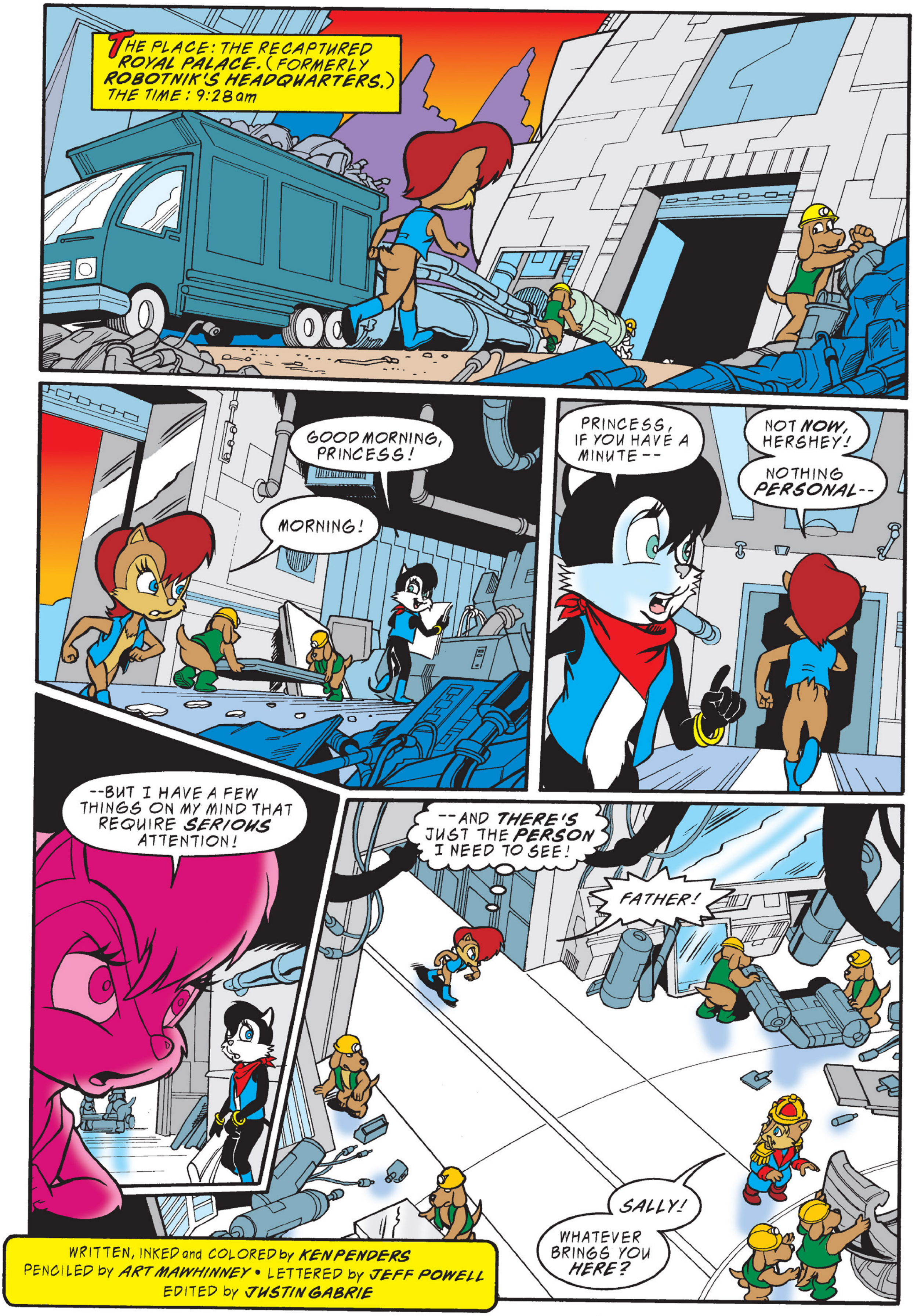

THE IXIS-NAMED ABOMINABLE SNOW-BOT STANDS TRIUMPHANTLY AFTER MELTING ITS WAY THROUGH TONS OF SNOW AND ICE--
--THE UNMOVING SONIC AND TAILS FIRMLY IN ITS GRASP.
BUT WHAT NEXT?
THE MYSTERIOUS CREATURE LOOKS SKYWARD FOR AN ANSWER--
AND IMMEDIATELY SEES ONE.
IT WILL TAKE THREE SIMPLE STEPS TO REACH THE CASTLE--
CROUCH--
--LAUNCH--
--AND LAND!


IT IS A TINY LABORATORY TO WHICH THE SNOW-BOT BRINGS THE UNCONSCIOUS ADVENTURERS...
...BUT IT'S OFTEN SAID THAT BIG THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES!
EDDY!
RUHR?
IT'S BEEN OVER AN HOUR SINCE YOU WENT OUTSIDE ON PATROL!
WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, OLD FRIEND?
...AND WHO'VE YOU BROUGHT HOME?


THESE POOR MOBIANS COULDN'T HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MYSTICAL ATTACK ON OUR HOME EARLIER, EDDY!
RAWR...
LET'S SEE IF THEY'VE SUFFERED ANY SERIOUS INJUR--
WHUZZIS...?
BACK OFF, BOZOS!
RAARRGH!!
JULES THE HEDGEHOG*?!
IS THAT REALLY YOU AFTER ALL THESE YEARS?
NO, BUT I'VE GOT A BETTER QUESTION--
--WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!
SHFWOOSH
!?

*Sonic's dad-ED.


THAT IS NATE MORGAN--
--AND HE, QUICKSTER, IS THE *KEY* TO TAKING *ABSOLUTE* CONTROL OVER ALL OF MOBIUS! HA! HA! HA!
NAUGUS!
TO BE CONTINUED!


THE PLACE: THE RECAPTURED **ROYAL PALACE.** (FORMERLY **ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS.**) THE TIME: 9:28am
GOOD MORNING, PRINCESS!
MORNING!
PRINCESS, IF YOU HAVE A MINUTE--
NOT *NOW*, HERSHEY!
NOTHING *PERSONAL*--
--BUT I HAVE A FEW THINGS ON MY MIND THAT REQUIRE *SERIOUS* ATTENTION!
--AND *THERE'S* JUST THE *PERSON* I NEED TO SEE!
FATHER!
SALLY!
WHATEVER BRINGS YOU *HERE?*

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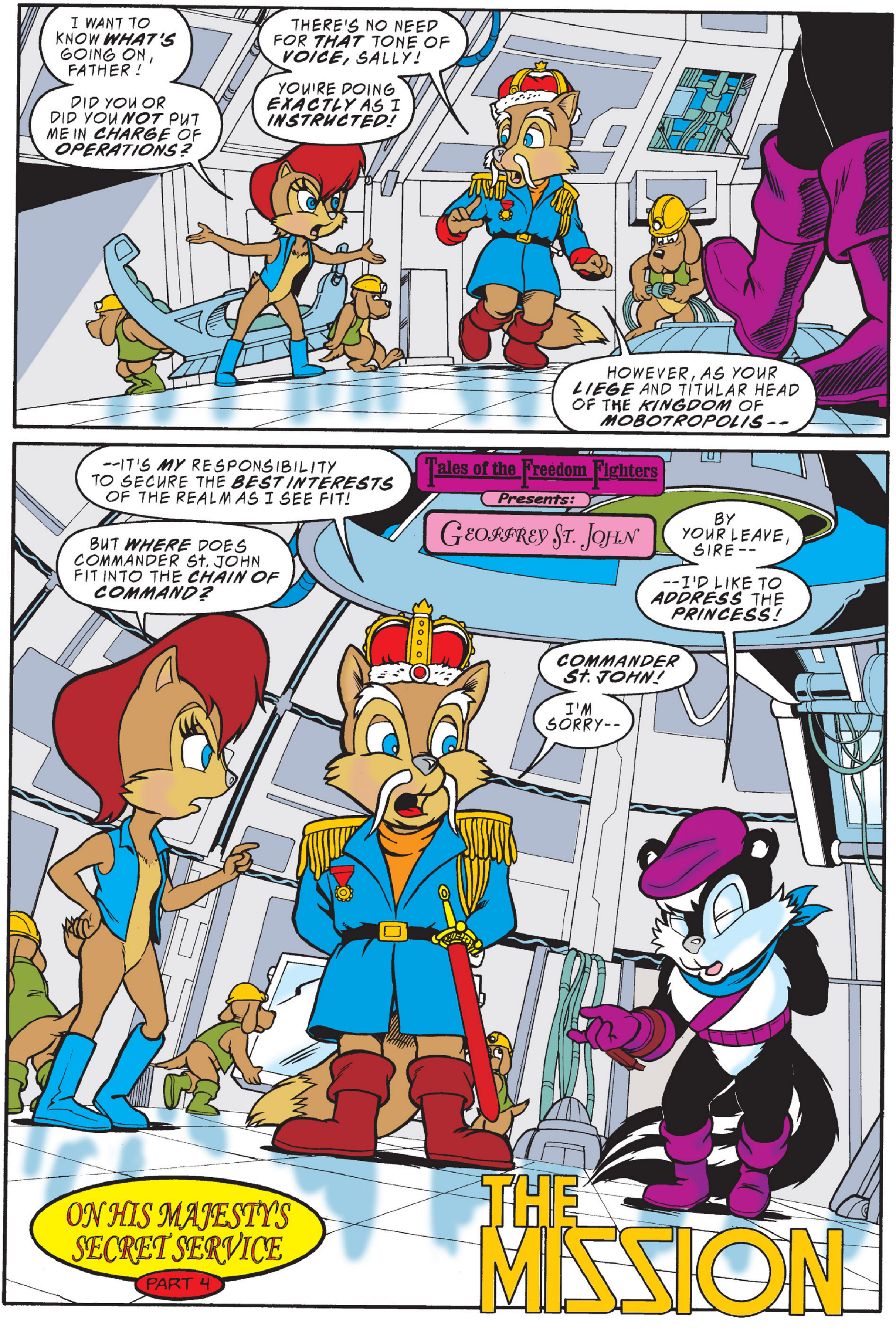
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, FATHER!
DID YOU OR DID YOU NOT PUT ME IN CHARGE OF OPERATIONS?
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT TONE OF VOICE, SALLY!
YOU'RE DOING EXACTLY AS I INSTRUCTED!
HOWEVER, AS YOUR LIEGE AND TITULAR HEAD OF THE KINGDOM OF MOBOTROPOLIS--
--IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE REALM AS I SEE FIT!
Tales of the Freedom Fighters
Presents:
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN
BUT WHERE DOES COMMANDER St. JOHN FIT INTO THE CHAIN OF COMMAND?
BY YOUR LEAVE, SIRE--
--I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THE PRINCESS!
COMMANDER St. JOHN!
I'M SORRY--
ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE
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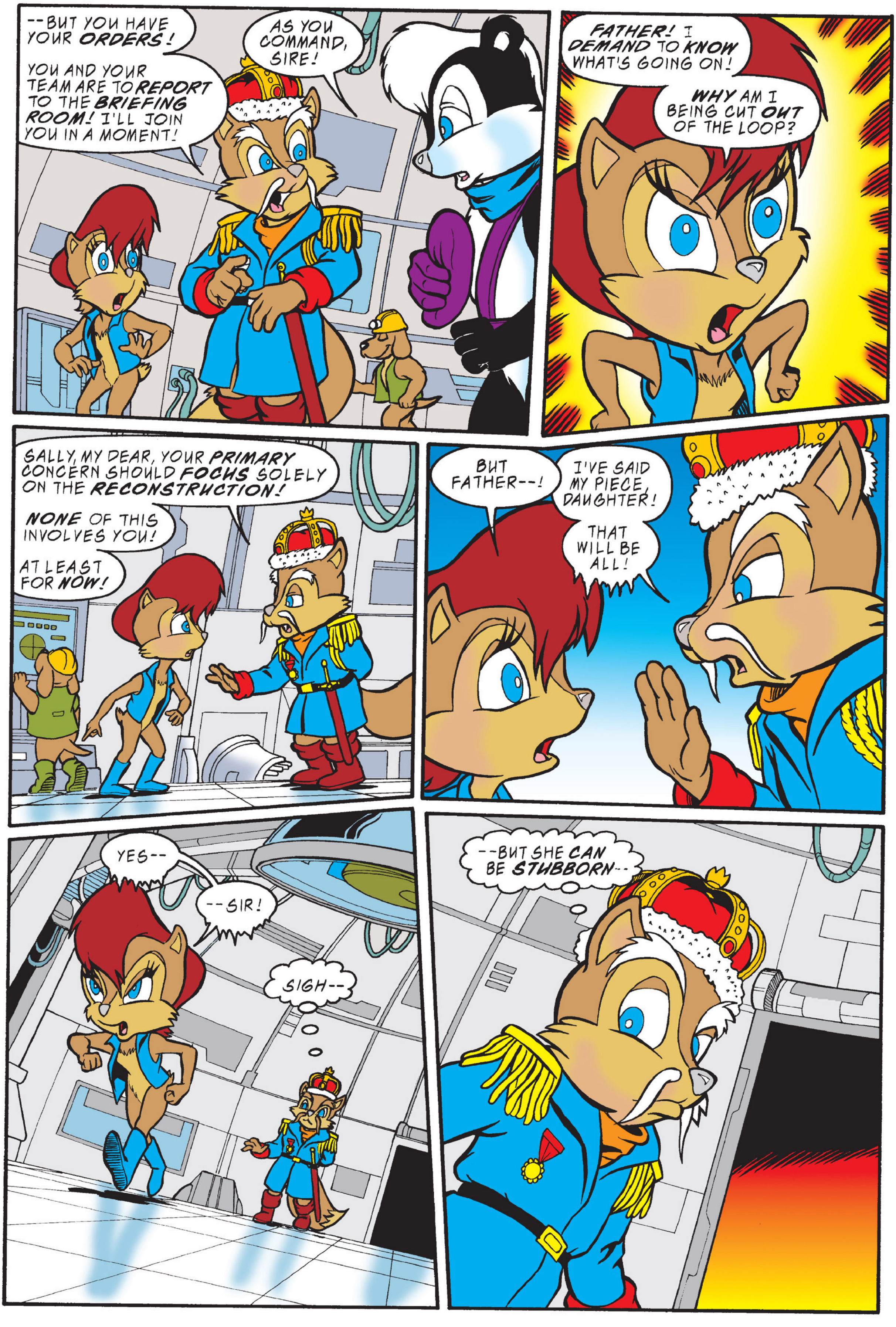
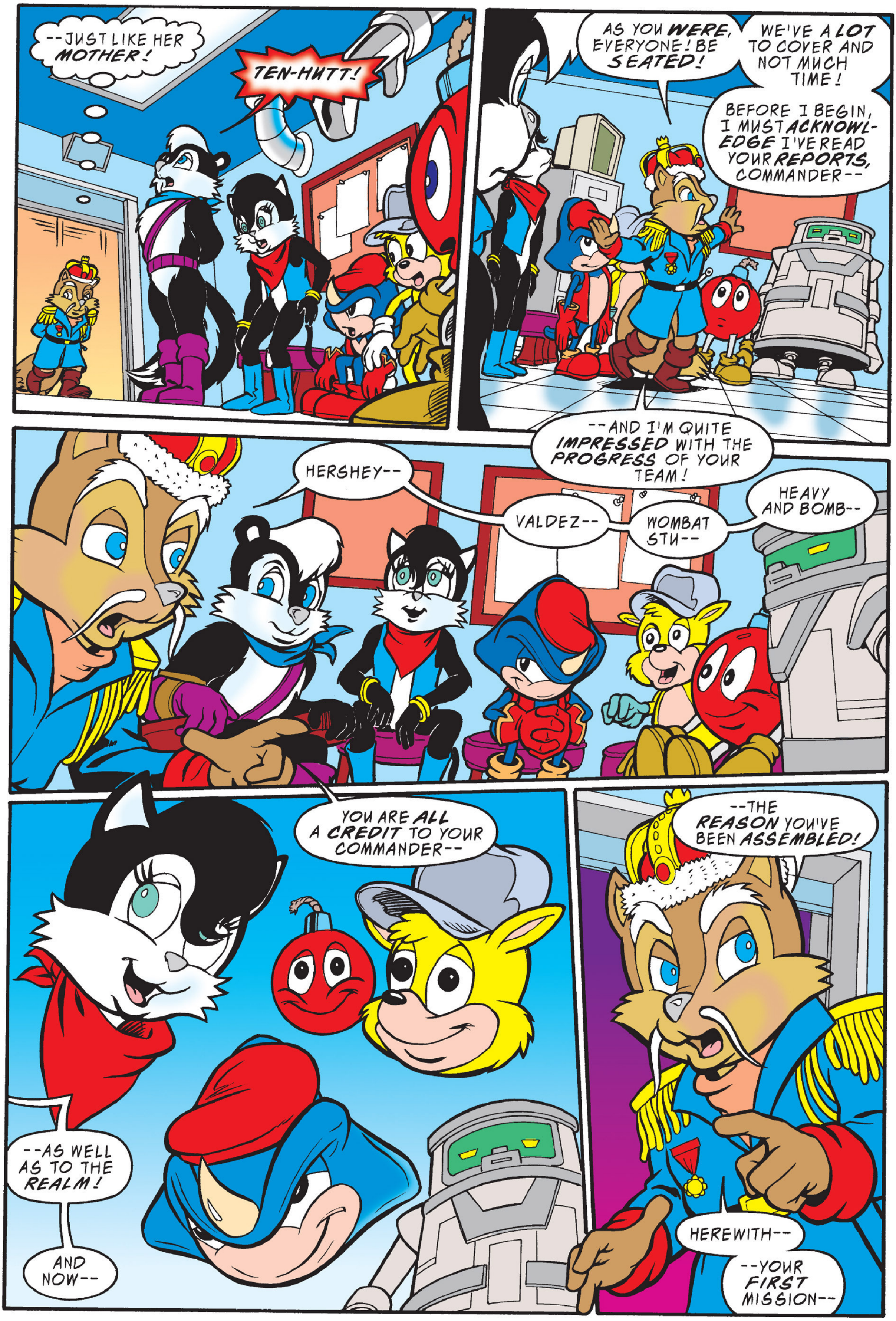
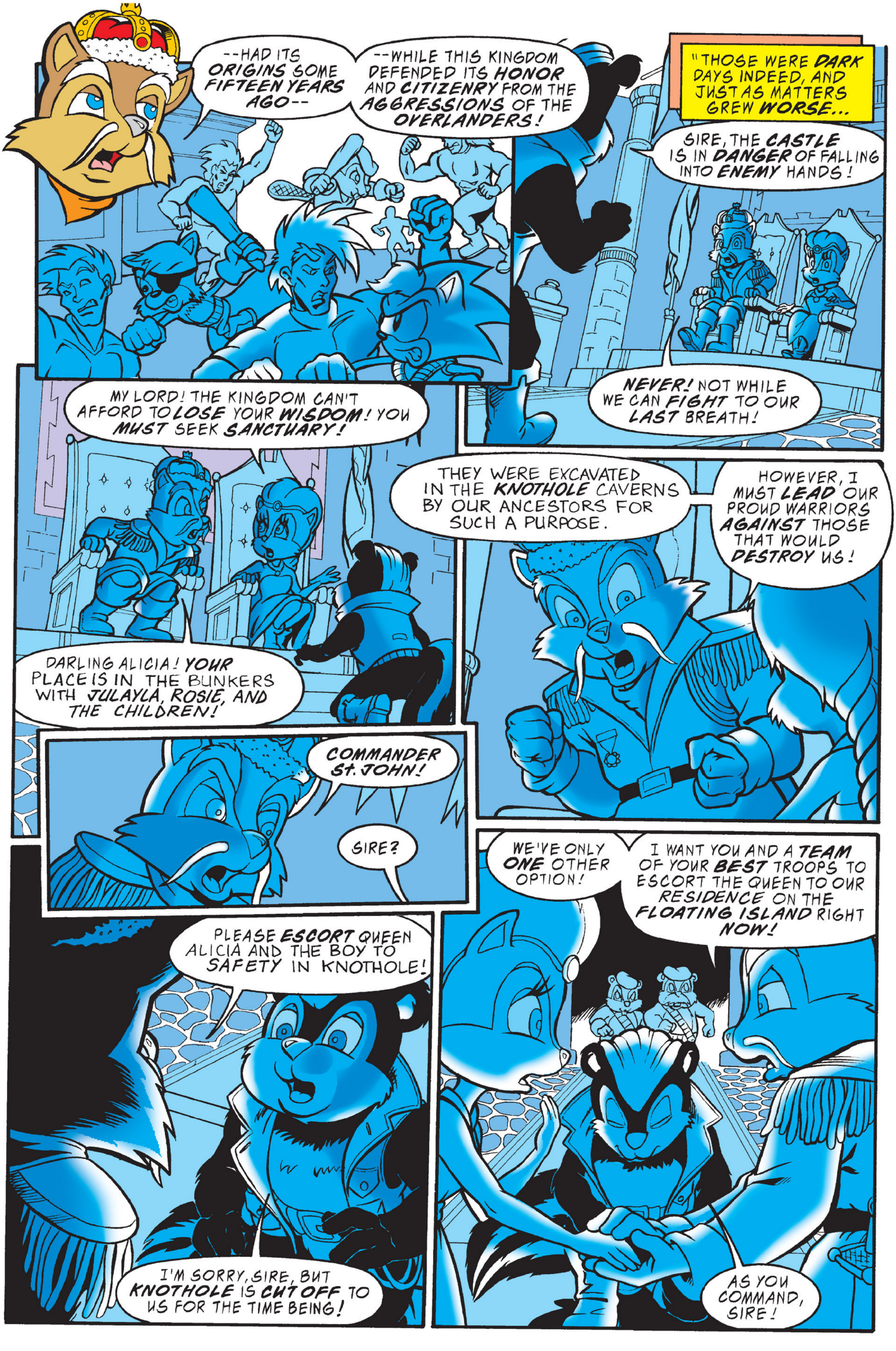
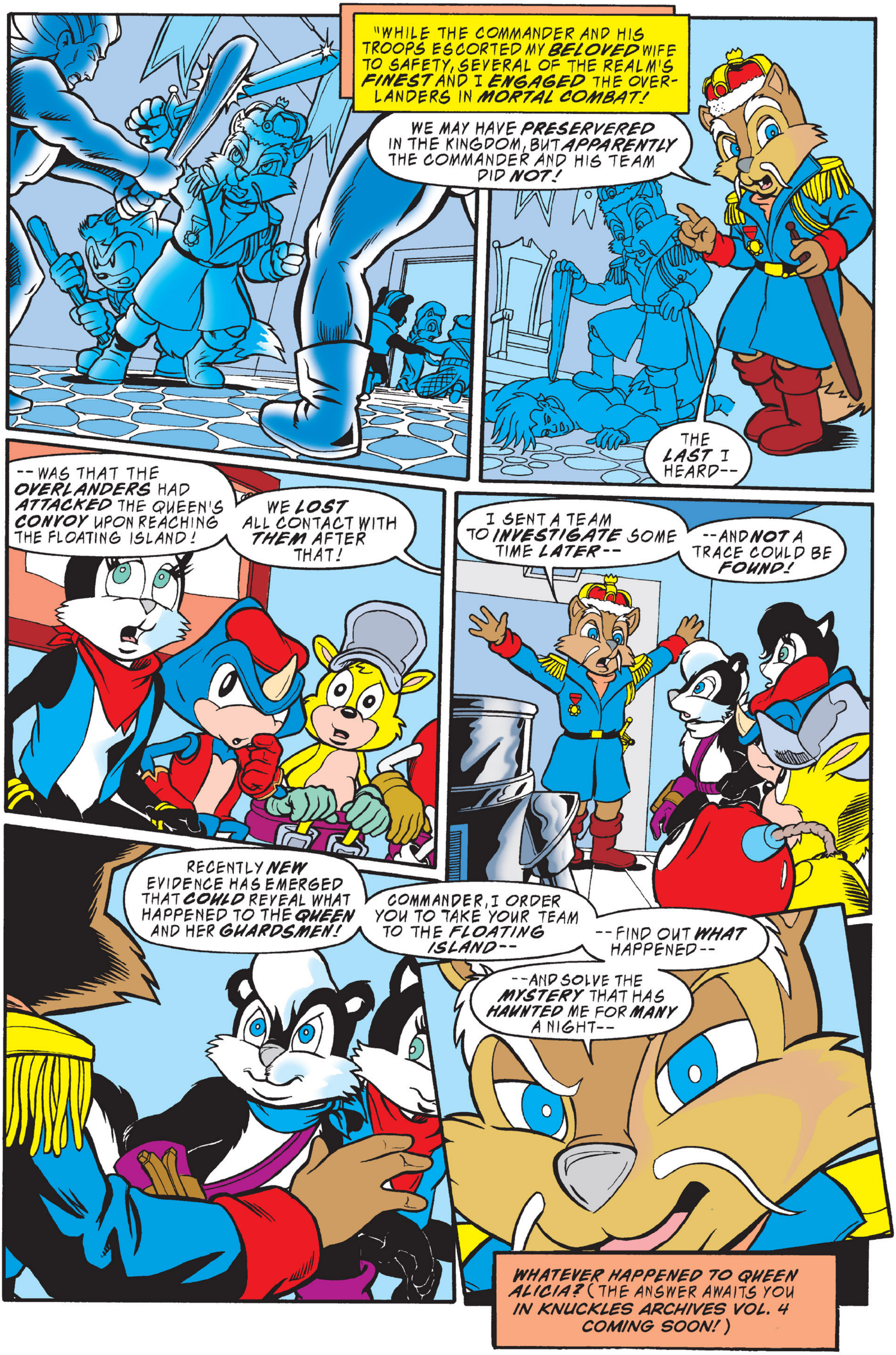
THE MISSION


--BUT YOU HAVE YOUR **ORDERS**!
YOU AND YOUR TEAM ARE TO **REPORT** TO THE **BRIEFING ROOM**! I'LL JOIN YOU IN A MOMENT!
AS YOU COMMAND, SIRE!
FATHER! I **DEMAND** TO **KNOW** WHAT'S GOING ON!
WHY AM I BEING CUT **OUT** OF THE LOOP?
SALLY, MY DEAR, YOUR **PRIMARY** CONCERN SHOULD **FOCUS** SOLELY ON THE **RECONSTRUCTION**!
NONE OF THIS INVOLVES YOU!
AT LEAST FOR **NOW**!
BUT FATHER--!
I'VE SAID MY PIECE, DAUGHTER!
THAT WILL BE ALL!
YES--
--SIR!
SIGH--
--BUT SHE **CAN** BE **STUBBORN**--


--JUST LIKE HER *MOTHER!*
TEN-HUTT!
AS YOU *WERE,* EVERYONE! BE *SEATED!*
WE'VE A *LOT* TO COVER AND NOT MUCH TIME!
BEFORE I BEGIN, I MUST *ACKNOWLEDGE* I'VE READ YOUR *REPORTS,* COMMANDER--
--AND I'M QUITE *IMPRESSED* WITH THE *PROGRESS* OF YOUR TEAM!
HERSHEY--
VALDEZ--
WOMBAT STU--
HEAVY AND BOMB--
YOU ARE *ALL* A *CREDIT* TO YOUR COMMANDER--
--AS WELL AS TO THE *REALM!*
AND NOW--
--THE *REASON* YOU'VE BEEN *ASSEMBLED!*
HEREWITH--
--YOUR *FIRST* MISSION--


--HAD ITS ORIGINS SOME FIFTEEN YEARS AGO--
--WHILE THIS KINGDOM DEFENDED ITS HONOR AND CITIZENRY FROM THE AGGRESSIONS OF THE OVERLANDERS!
"THOSE WERE DARK DAYS INDEED, AND JUST AS MATTERS GREW WORSE...
SIRE, THE CASTLE IS IN DANGER OF FALLING INTO ENEMY HANDS!
NEVER! NOT WHILE WE CAN FIGHT TO OUR LAST BREATH!
MY LORD! THE KINGDOM CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE YOUR WISDOM! YOU MUST SEEK SANCTUARY!
DARLING ALICIA! YOUR PLACE IS IN THE BUNKERS WITH JULAYLA, ROSIE, AND THE CHILDREN!
THEY WERE EXCAVATED IN THE KNOTHOLE CAVERNS BY OUR ANCESTORS FOR SUCH A PURPOSE.
HOWEVER, I MUST LEAD OUR PROUD WARRIORS AGAINST THOSE THAT WOULD DESTROY US!
COMMANDER St. JOHN!
SIRE?
PLEASE ESCORT QUEEN ALICIA AND THE BOY TO SAFETY IN KNOTHOLE!
I'M SORRY, SIRE, BUT KNOTHOLE IS CUT OFF TO US FOR THE TIME BEING!
WE'VE ONLY ONE OTHER OPTION!
I WANT YOU AND A TEAM OF YOUR BEST TROOPS TO ESCORT THE QUEEN TO OUR RESIDENCE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND RIGHT NOW!
AS YOU COMMAND, SIRE!


"WHILE THE COMMANDER AND HIS TROOPS ESCORTED MY **BELOVED** WIFE TO SAFETY, SEVERAL OF THE REALM'S **FINEST** AND I **ENGAGED** THE OVERLANDERS IN **MORTAL COMBAT!**
WE MAY HAVE **PRESERVERED** IN THE KINGDOM, BUT **APPARENTLY** THE COMMANDER AND HIS TEAM DID **NOT!**
THE **LAST** I HEARD--
--WAS THAT THE **OVERLANDERS** HAD **ATTACKED** THE QUEEN'S **CONVOY** UPON REACHING THE FLOATING ISLAND!
WE **LOST** ALL CONTACT WITH **THEM** AFTER THAT!
I SENT A TEAM TO **INVESTIGATE** SOME TIME **LATER**--
--AND **NOT** A TRACE COULD BE **FOUND!**
RECENTLY **NEW** EVIDENCE HAS EMERGED THAT **COULD** REVEAL WHAT HAPPENED TO THE **QUEEN** AND HER **GUARDSMEN!**
COMMANDER, I ORDER YOU TO TAKE YOUR TEAM TO THE **FLOATING ISLAND**--
--FIND OUT **WHAT** HAPPENED--
--AND SOLVE THE **MYSTERY** THAT HAS **HAUNTED** ME FOR **MANY** A NIGHT--
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO QUEEN ALICIA? (THE ANSWER AWAITS YOU *IN KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 4 COMING SOON!*)

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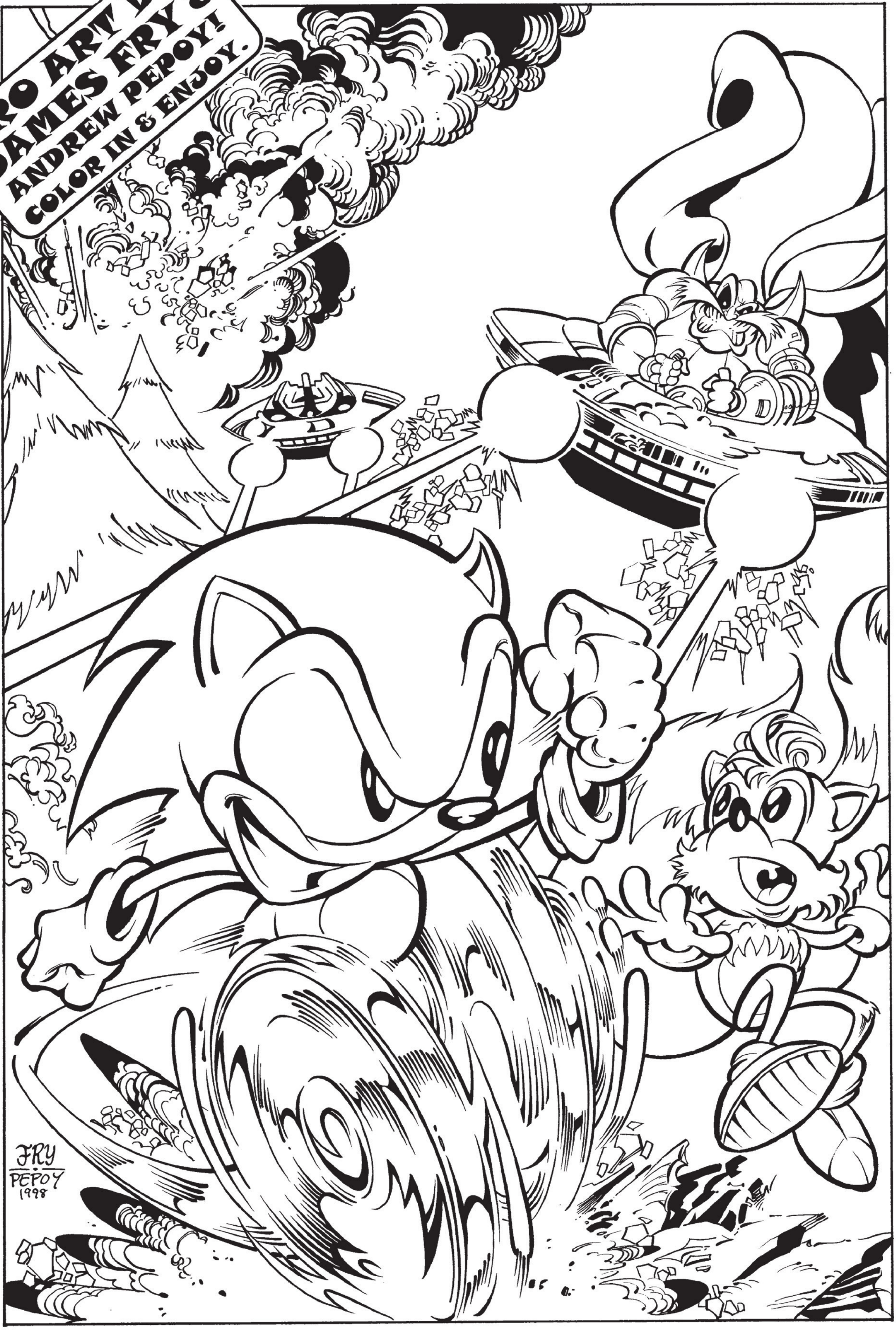
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Who Is NATE MORGAN?!?

THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE!

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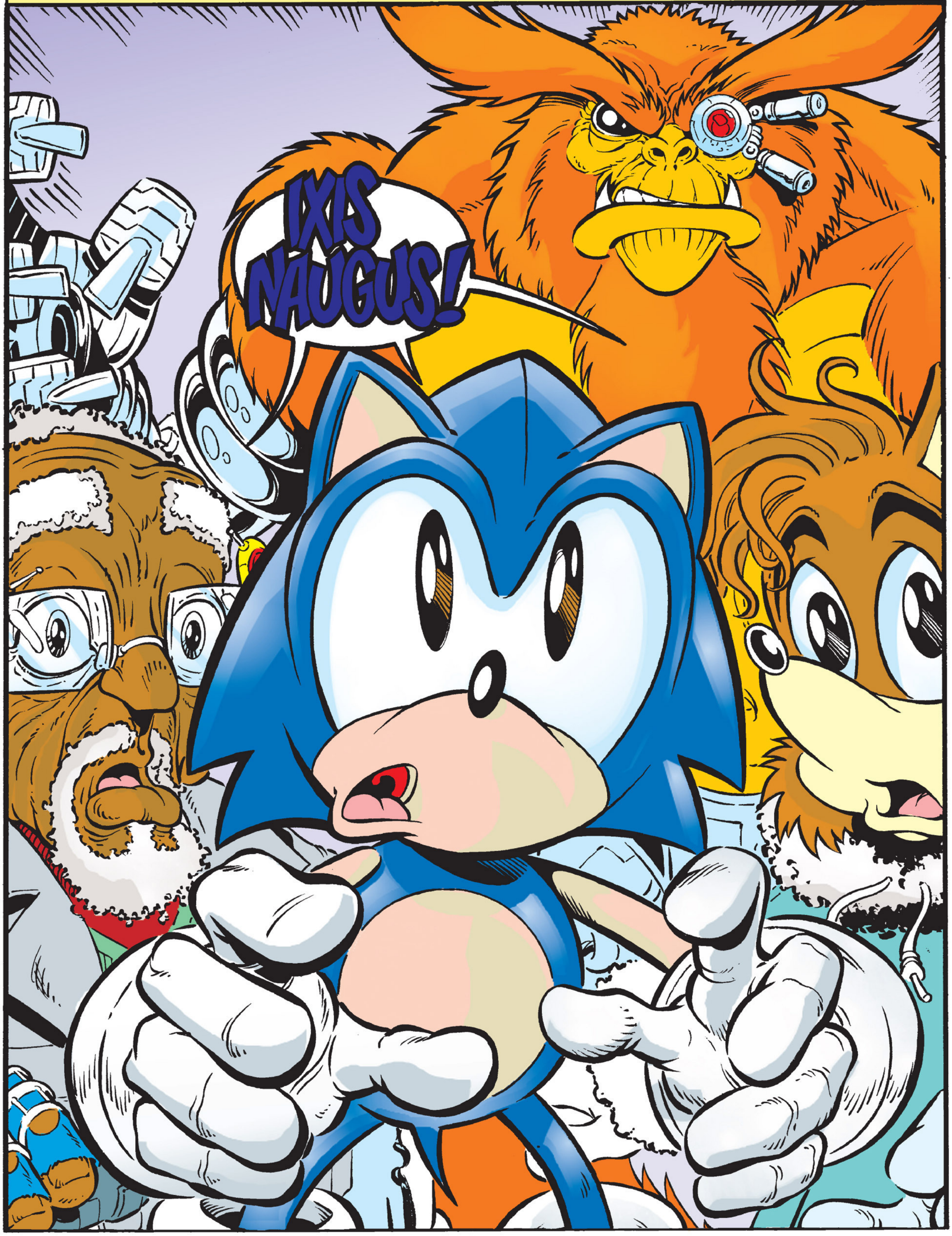
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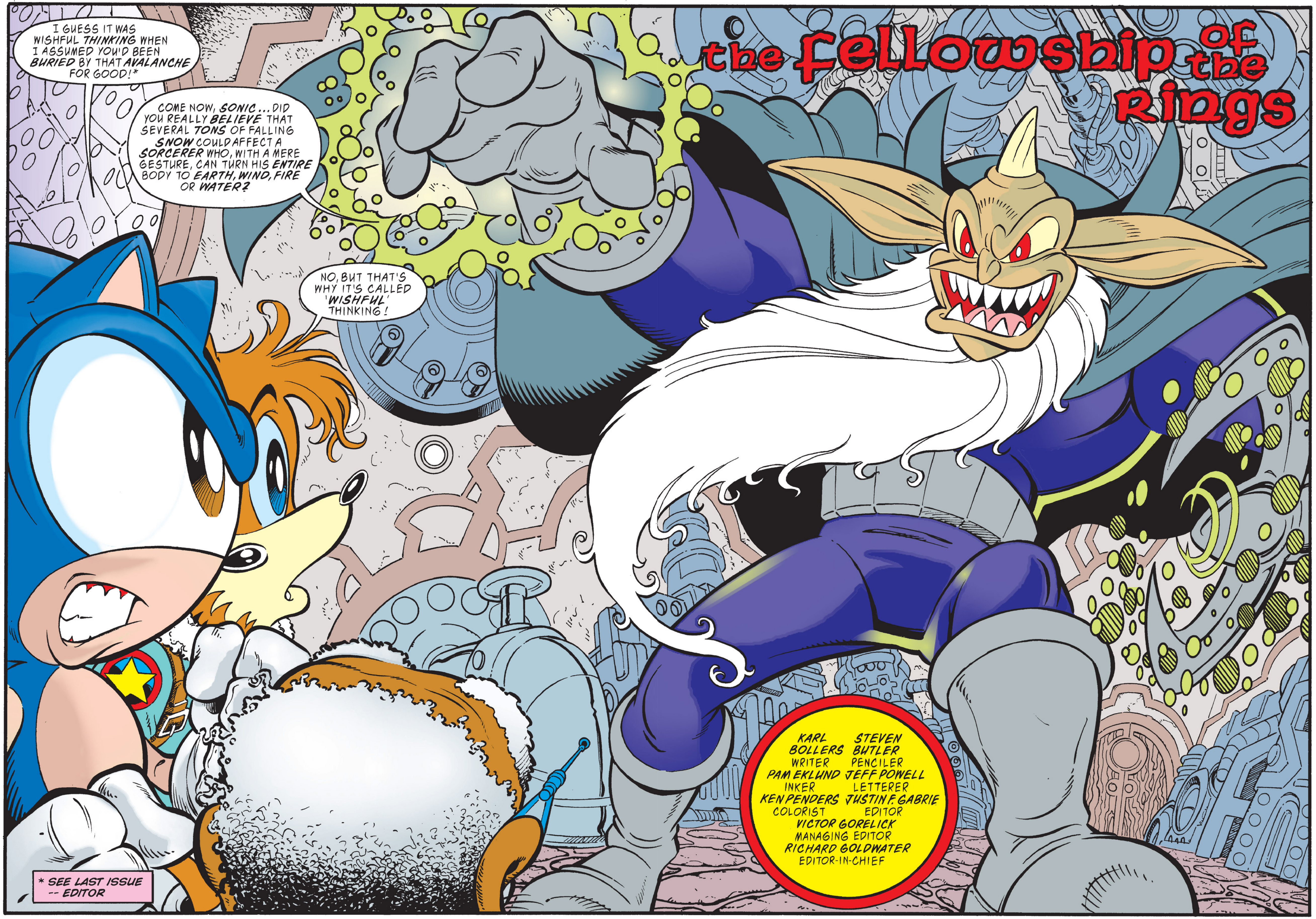
I GUESS IT WAS WISHFUL *THINKING* WHEN I ASSUMED YOU'D BEEN *BURIED* BY THAT *AVALANCHE* FOR GOOD!*
COME NOW, *SONIC*... DID YOU REALLY *BELIEVE* THAT SEVERAL *TONS* OF FALLING *SNOW* COULD AFFECT A *SORCERER* WHO, WITH A MERE GESTURE, CAN TURN HIS *ENTIRE* BODY TO *EARTH, WIND, FIRE* OR *WATER?*
NO, BUT THAT'S WHY IT'S CALLED '*WISHFUL*' THINKING!
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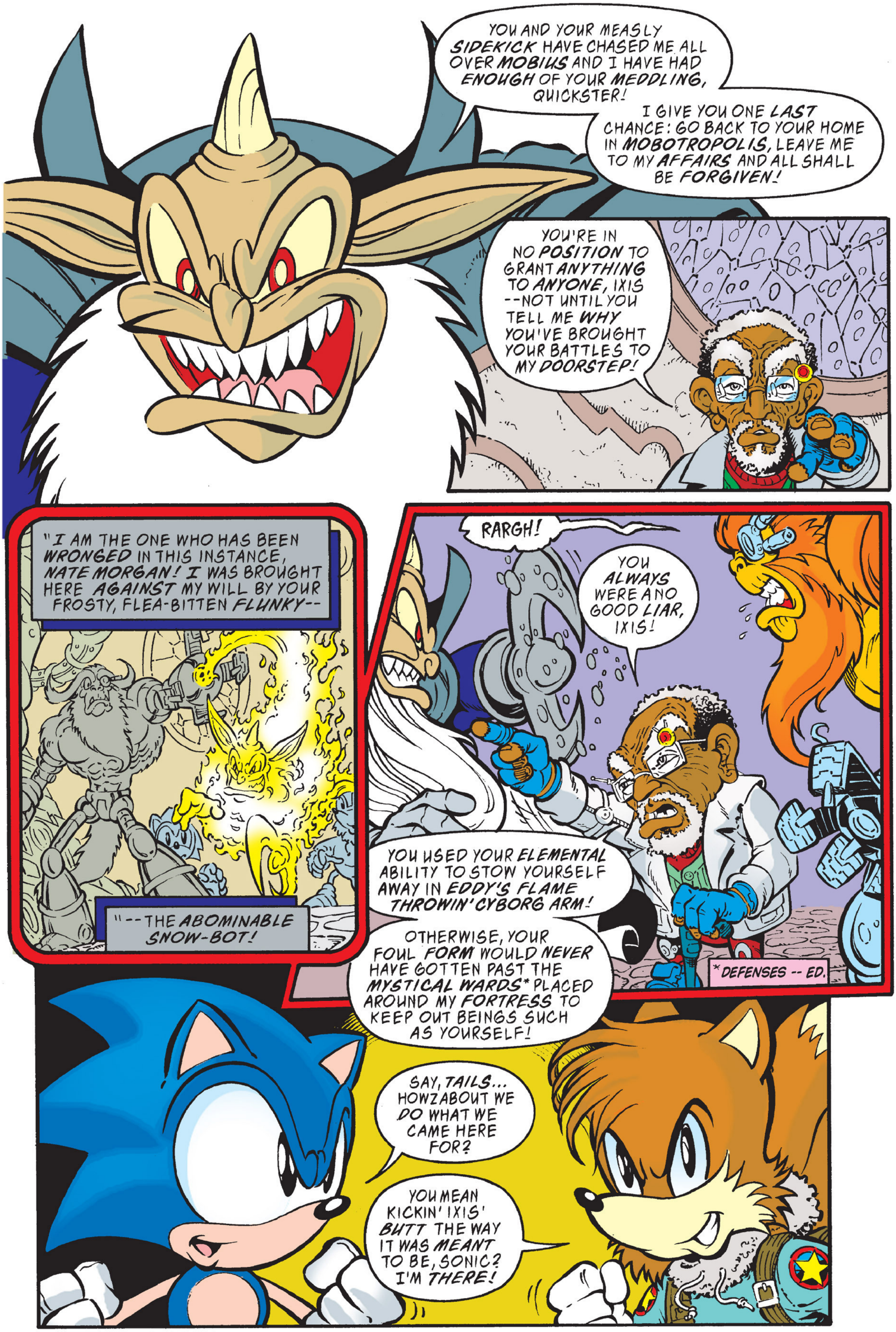
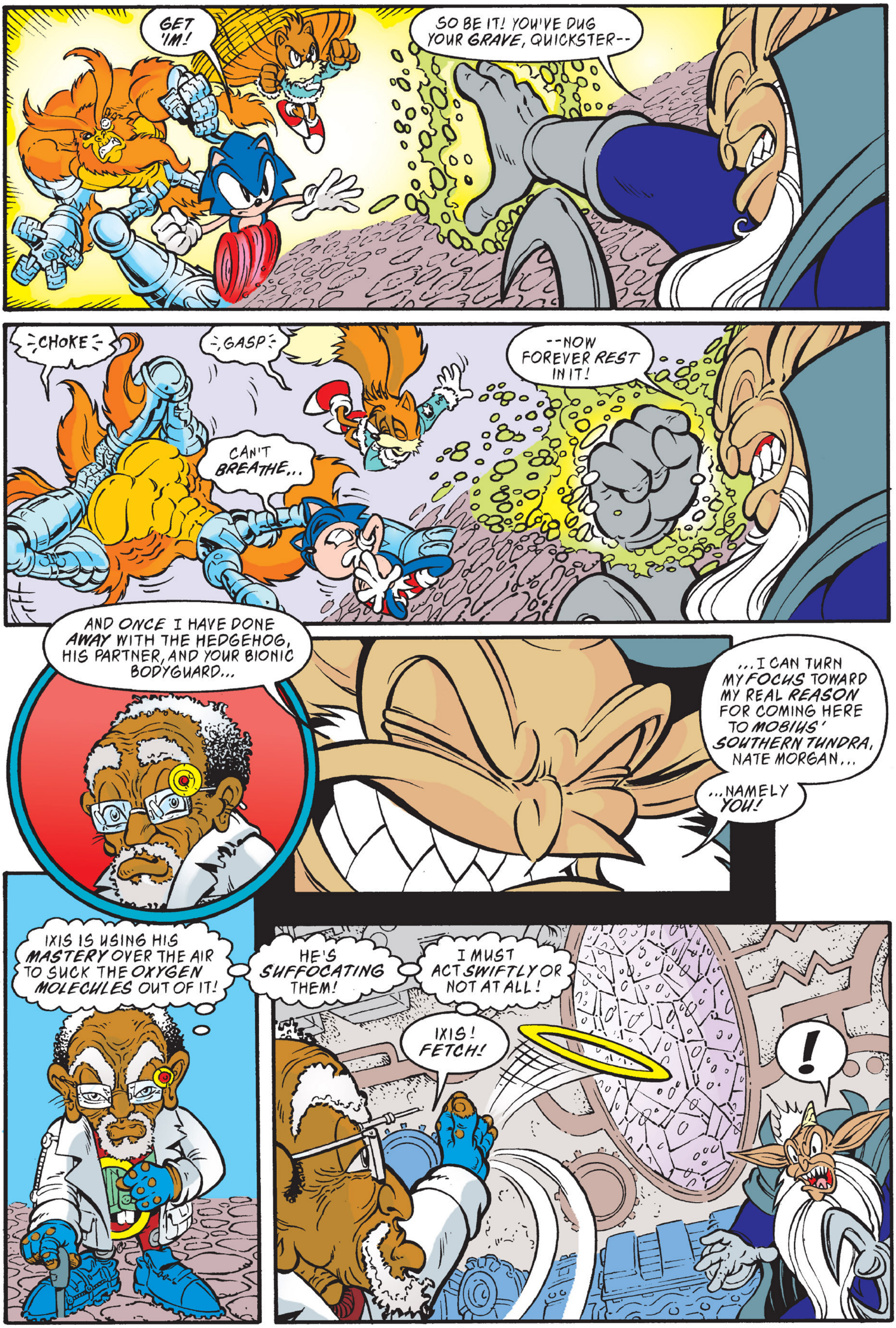

YOU AND YOUR MEASLY SIDEKICK HAVE CHASED ME ALL OVER MOBIUS AND I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR MEDDLING, QUICKSTER!
I GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE: GO BACK TO YOUR HOME IN MOBOTROPOLIS, LEAVE ME TO MY AFFAIRS AND ALL SHALL BE FORGIVEN!
YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO GRANT ANYTHING TO ANYONE, IXIS --NOT UNTIL YOU TELL ME WHY YOU'VE BROUGHT YOUR BATTLES TO MY DOORSTEP!
"I AM THE ONE WHO HAS BEEN WRONGED IN THIS INSTANCE, NATE MORGAN! I WAS BROUGHT HERE AGAINST MY WILL BY YOUR FROSTY, FLEA-BITTEN FLUNKY--
"--THE ABOMINABLE SNOW-BOT!
RARGH!
YOU ALWAYS WERE A NO GOOD LIAR, IXIS!
YOU USED YOUR ELEMENTAL ABILITY TO STOW YOURSELF AWAY IN EDDY'S FLAME THROWIN' CYBORG ARM!
OTHERWISE, YOUR FOUL FORM WOULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN PAST THE MYSTICAL WARDS* PLACED AROUND MY FORTRESS TO KEEP OUT BEINGS SUCH AS YOURSELF!
*DEFENSES -- ED.
SAY, TAILS... HOWZABOUT WE DO WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR?
YOU MEAN KICKIN' IXIS' BUTT THE WAY IT WAS MEANT TO BE, SONIC? I'M THERE!


GET 'IM!
SO BE IT! YOU'VE DUG YOUR GRAVE, QUICKSTER--
CHOKE
GASP
--NOW FOREVER REST IN IT!
CAN'T BREATHE...
AND ONCE I HAVE DONE AWAY WITH THE HEDGEHOG, HIS PARTNER, AND YOUR BIONIC BODYGUARD...
...I CAN TURN MY FOCUS TOWARD MY REAL REASON FOR COMING HERE TO MOBIUS' SOUTHERN TUNDRA, NATE MORGAN...
...NAMELY YOU!
IXIS IS USING HIS MASTERY OVER THE AIR TO SUCK THE OXYGEN MOLECULES OUT OF IT!
HE'S SUFFOCATING THEM!
I MUST ACT SWIFTLY OR NOT AT ALL!
IXIS! FETCH!
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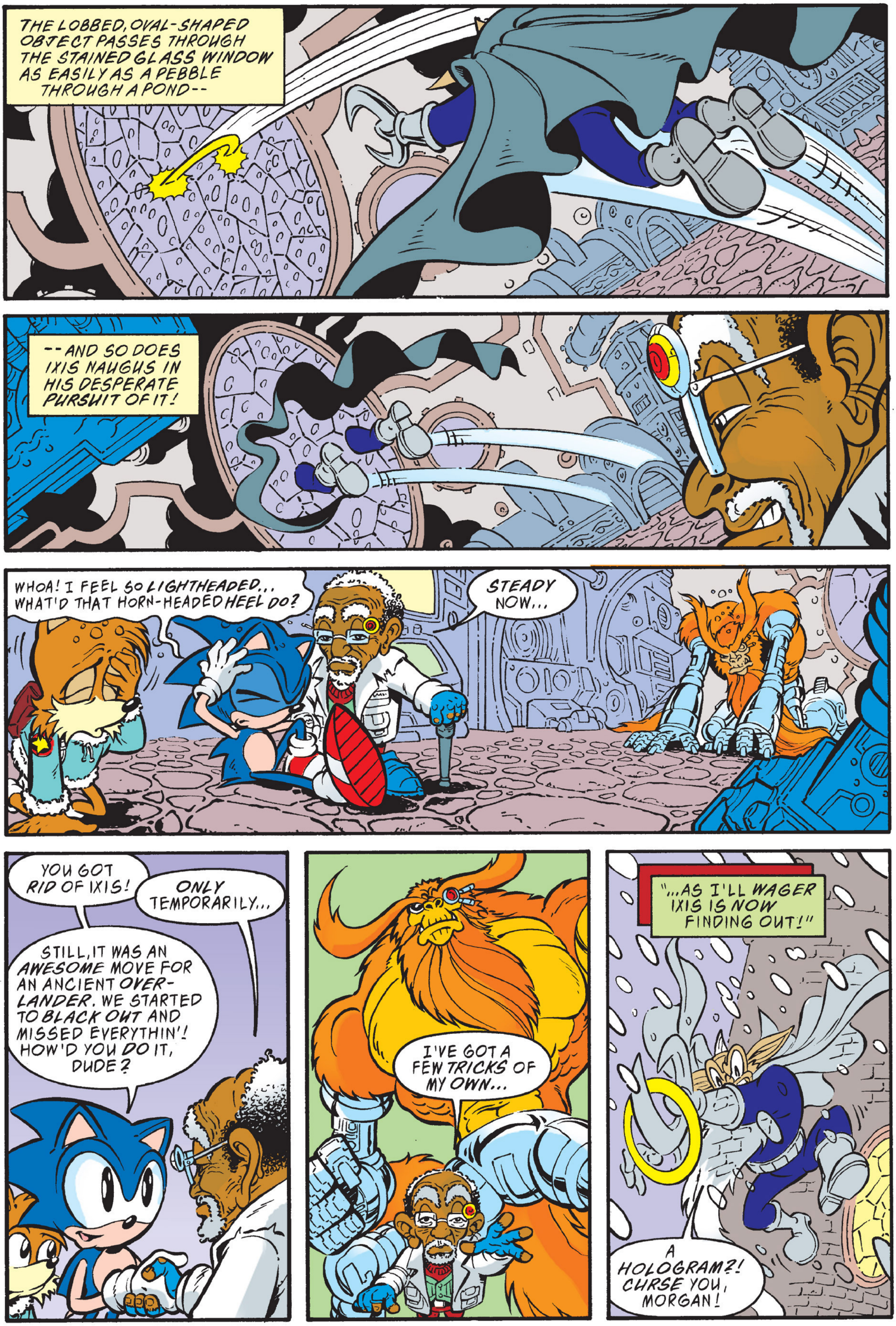
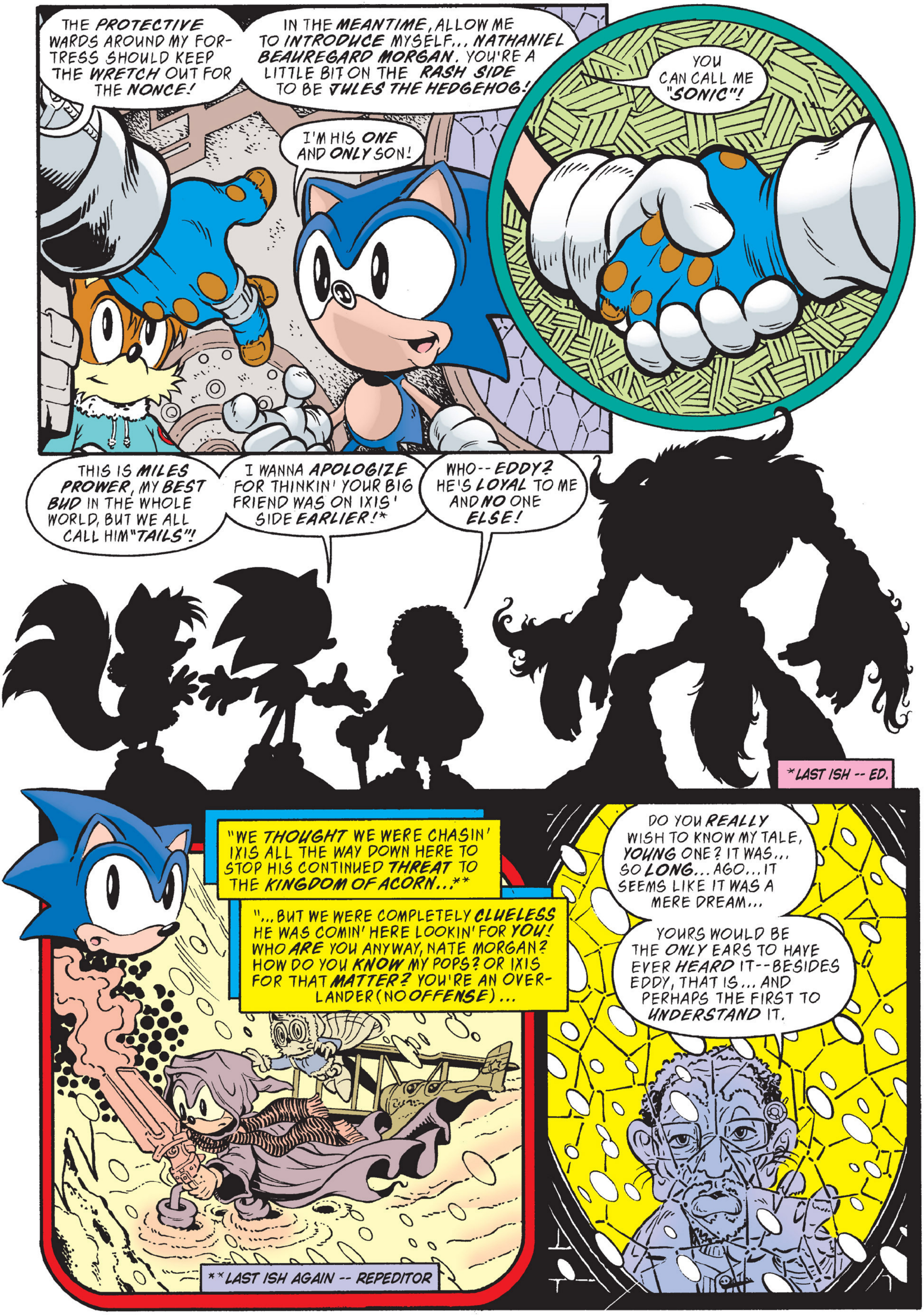
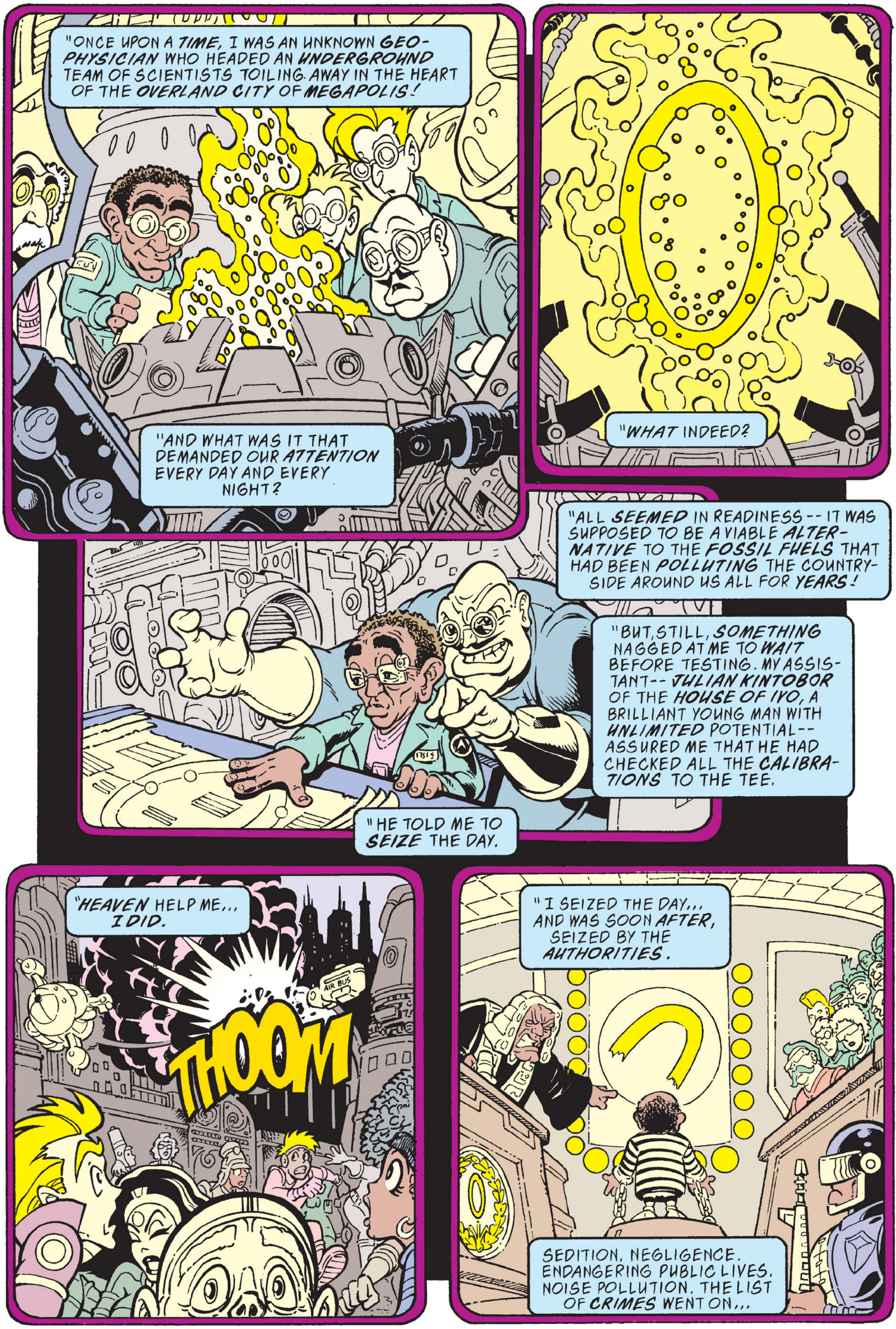
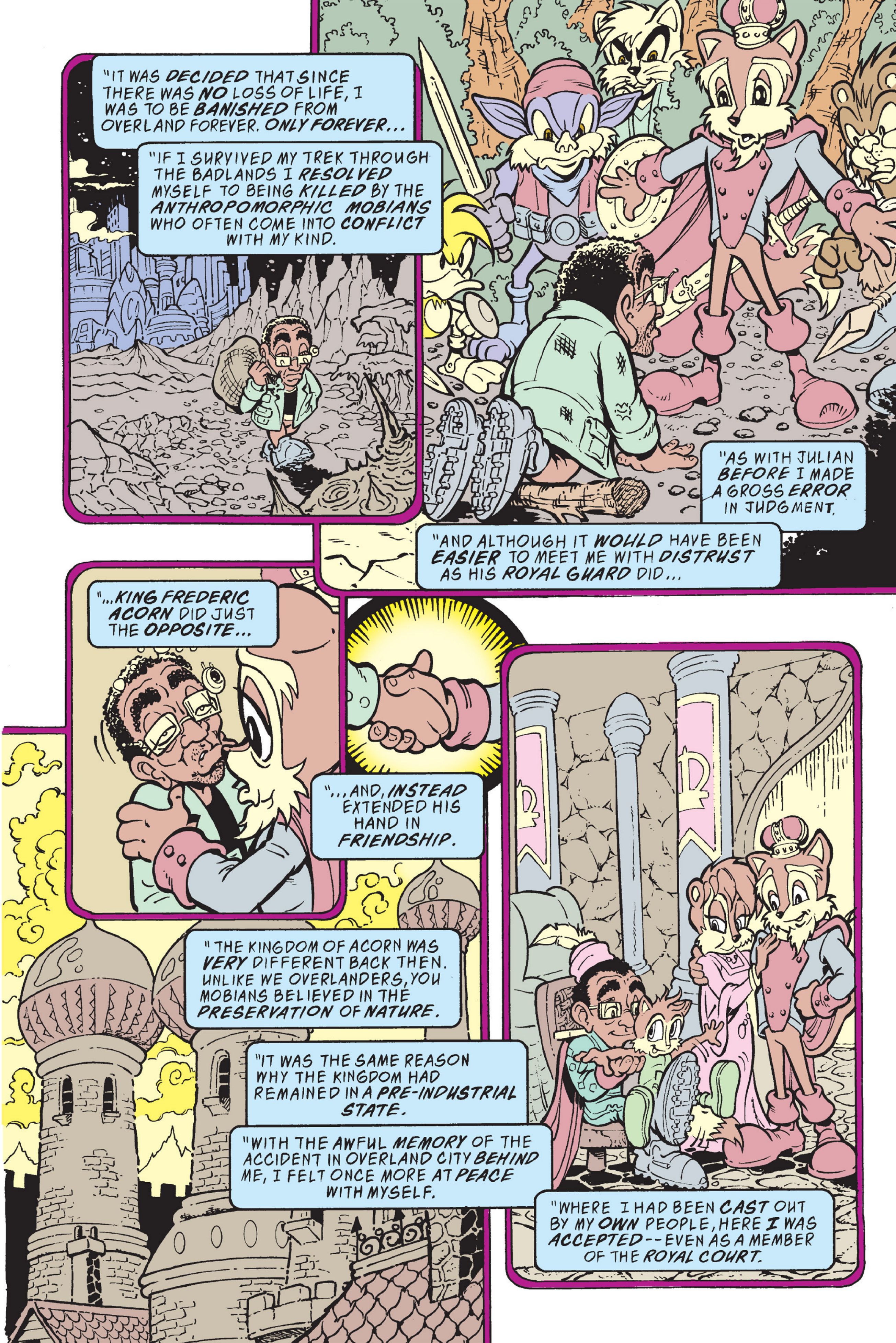
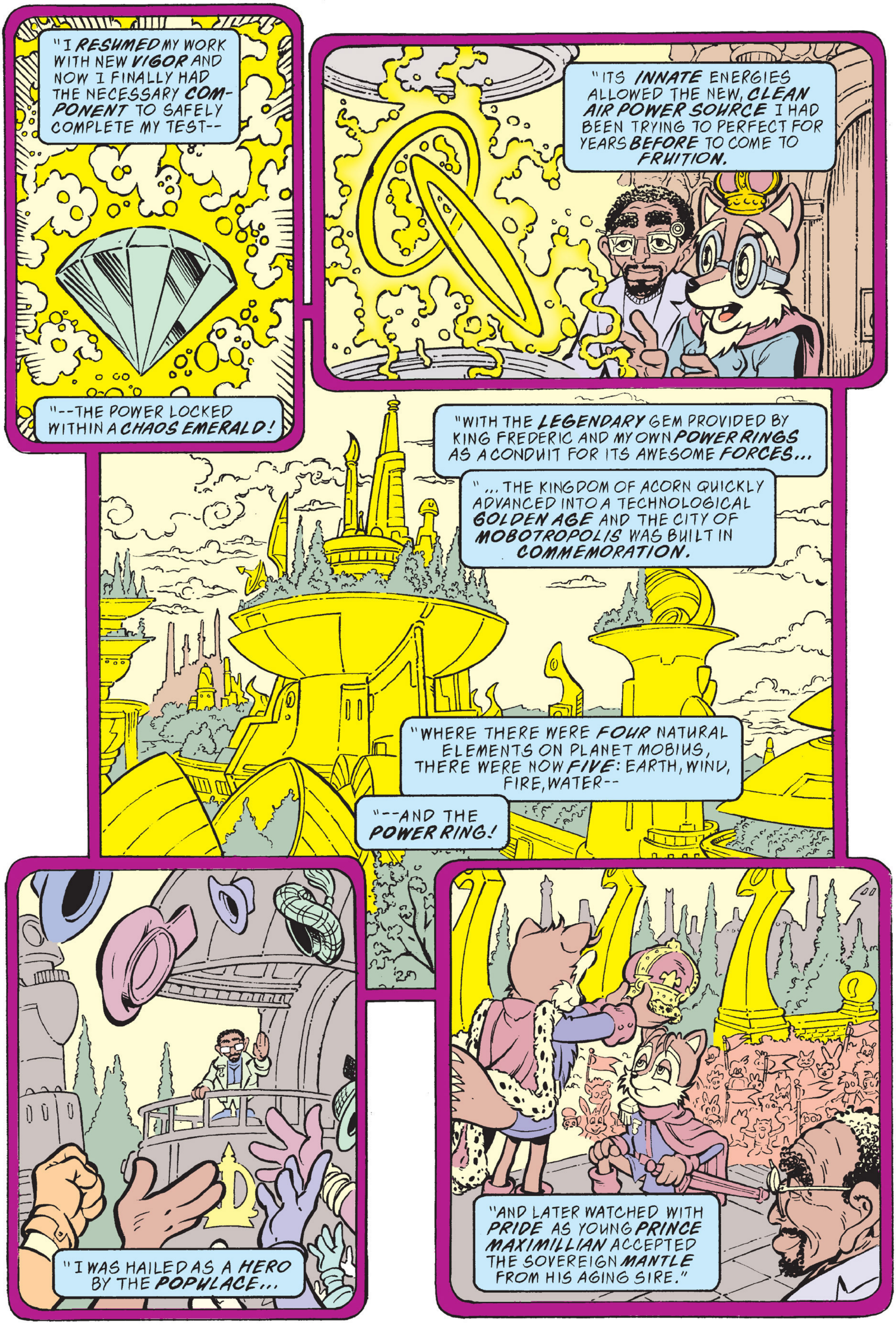
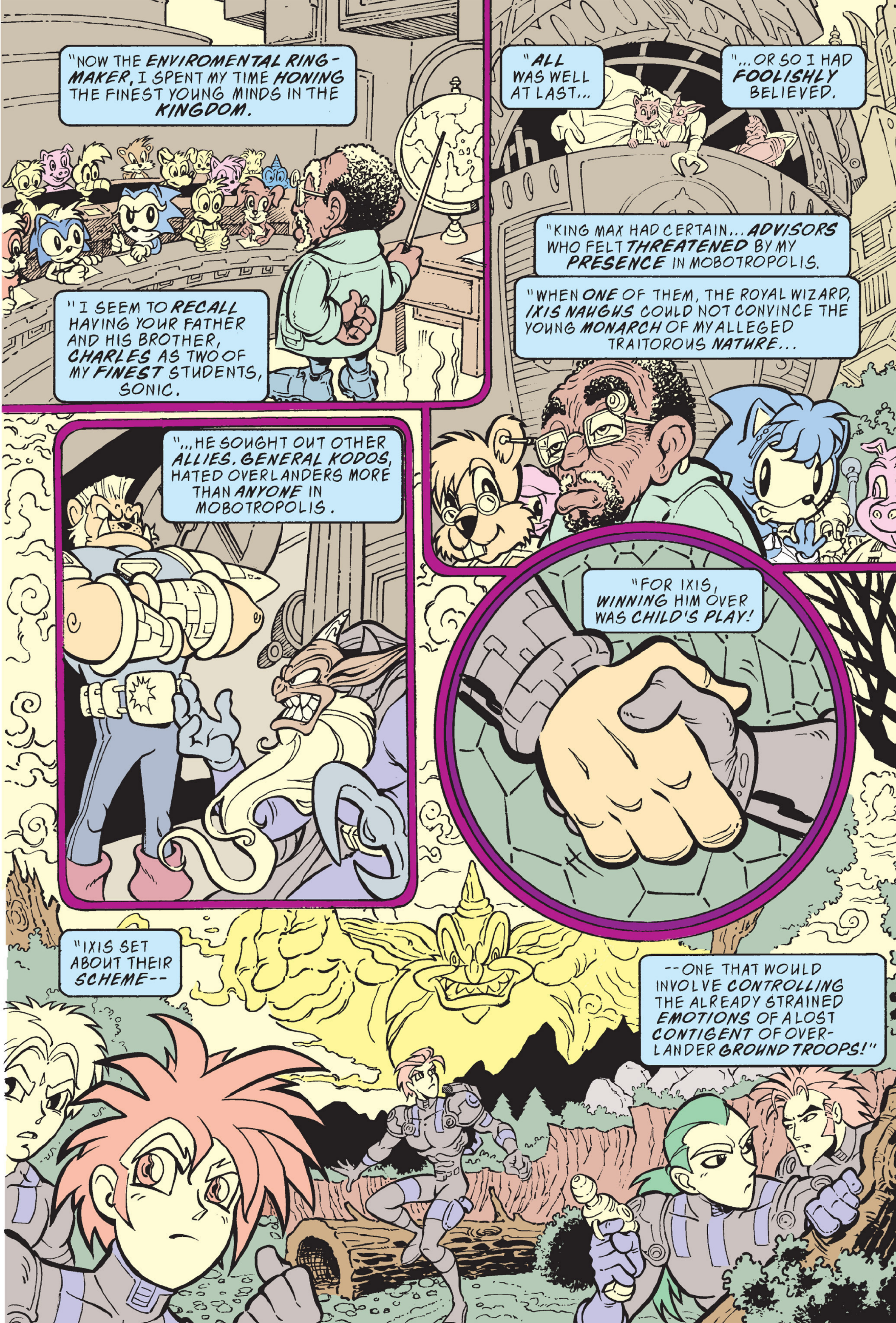

THE LOBBED, OVAL-SHAPED OBJECT PASSES THROUGH THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW AS EASILY AS A PEBBLE THROUGH A POND--
--AND SO DOES IXIS NAUGUS IN HIS DESPERATE PURSUIT OF IT!
WHOA! I FEEL SO LIGHTHEADED... WHAT'D THAT HORN-HEADED HEEL DO?
STEADY NOW...
YOU GOT RID OF IXIS!
ONLY TEMPORARILY...
STILL, IT WAS AN AWESOME MOVE FOR AN ANCIENT OVERLANDER. WE STARTED TO BLACK OUT AND MISSED EVERYTHIN'! HOW'D YOU DO IT, DUDE?
I'VE GOT A FEW TRICKS OF MY OWN...
"...AS I'LL WAGER IXIS IS NOW FINDING OUT!"
A HOLOGRAM?! CURSE YOU, MORGAN!

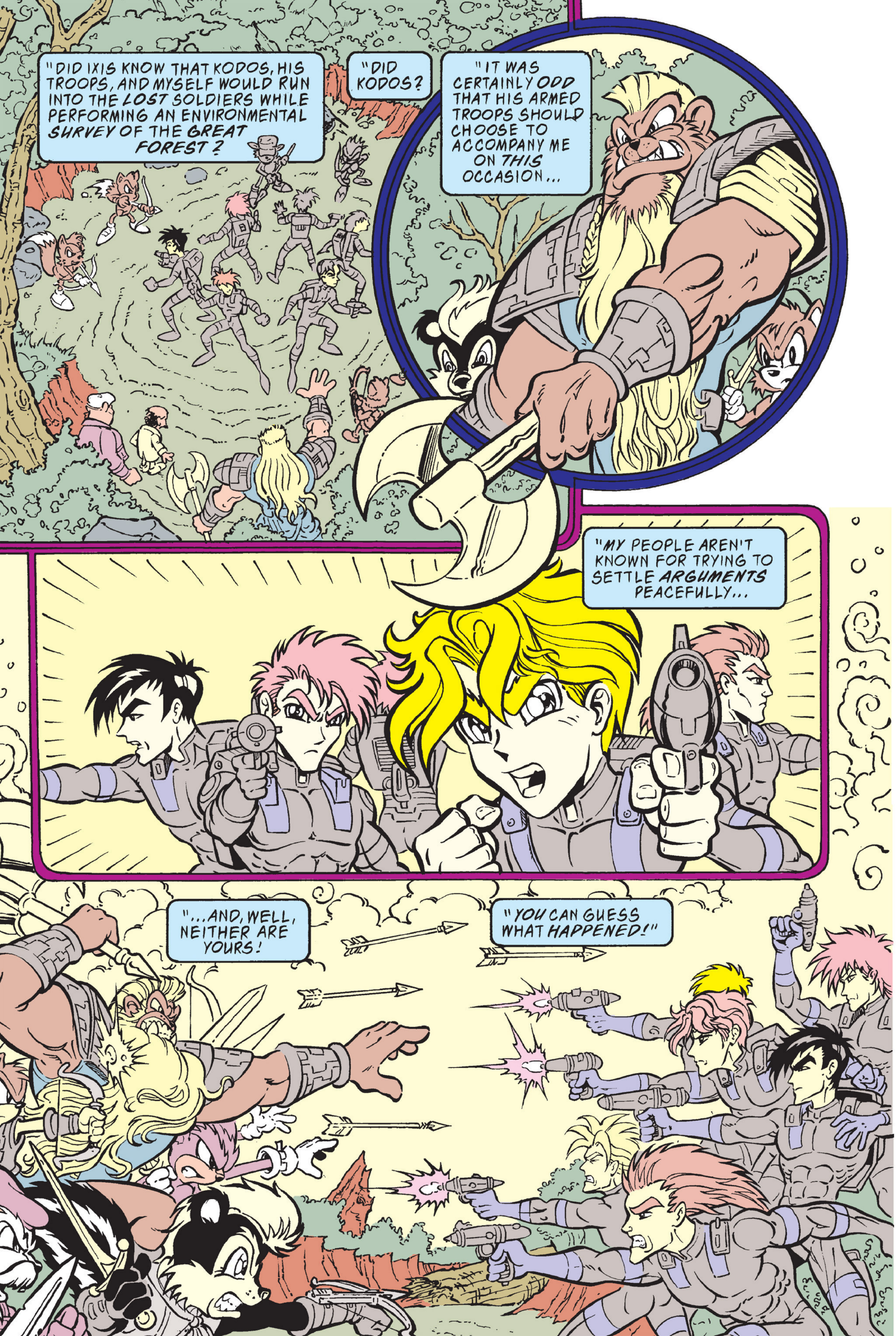

THE PROTECTIVE WARDS AROUND MY FORTRESS SHOULD KEEP THE WRETCH OUT FOR THE NONCE!
IN THE MEANTIME, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF... NATHANIEL BEAUREGARD MORGAN. YOU'RE A LITTLE BIT ON THE RASH SIDE TO BE JULES THE HEDGEHOG!
I'M HIS ONE AND ONLY SON!
YOU CAN CALL ME "SONIC"!
THIS IS MILES PROWER, MY BEST BUD IN THE WHOLE WORLD, BUT WE ALL CALL HIM "TAILS"!
I WANNA APOLOGIZE FOR THINKIN' YOUR BIG FRIEND WAS ON IXIS' SIDE EARLIER!*
WHO-- EDDY? HE'S LOYAL TO ME AND NO ONE ELSE!
*LAST ISH -- ED.
"WE THOUGHT WE WERE CHASIN' IXIS ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE TO STOP HIS CONTINUED THREAT TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN...**
"...BUT WE WERE COMPLETELY CLUELESS HE WAS COMIN' HERE LOOKIN' FOR YOU! WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY, NATE MORGAN? HOW DO YOU KNOW MY POPS? OR IXIS FOR THAT MATTER? YOU'RE AN OVERLANDER (NO OFFENSE)...
**LAST ISH AGAIN -- REPEDITOR
DO YOU REALLY WISH TO KNOW MY TALE, YOUNG ONE? IT WAS... SO LONG... AGO... IT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS A MERE DREAM...
YOURS WOULD BE THE ONLY EARS TO HAVE EVER HEARD IT--BESIDES EDDY, THAT IS... AND PERHAPS THE FIRST TO UNDERSTAND IT.

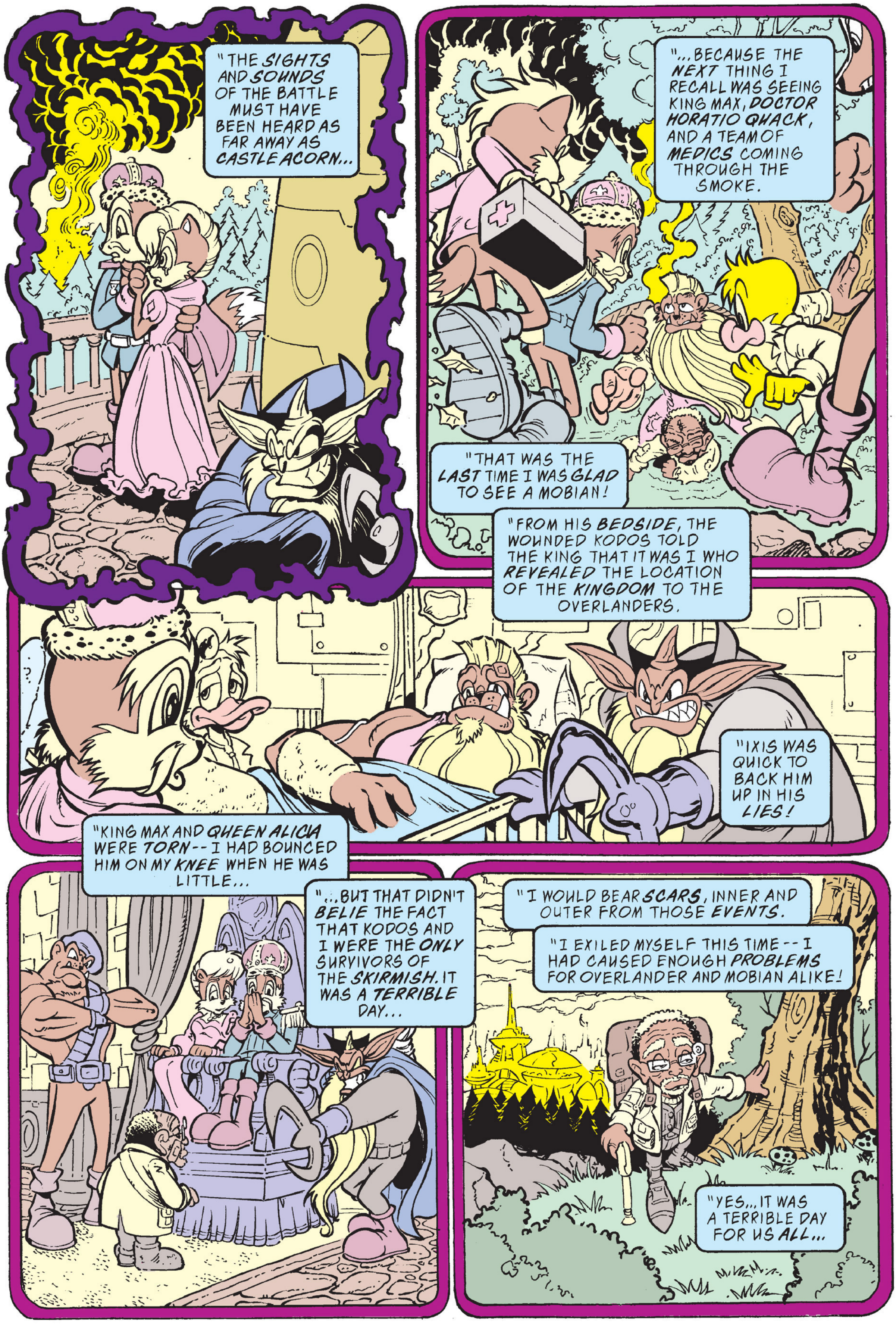

"ONCE UPON A TIME, I WAS AN UNKNOWN GEOPHYSICIAN WHO HEADED AN UNDERGROUND TEAM OF SCIENTISTS TOILING AWAY IN THE HEART OF THE OVERLAND CITY OF MEGAPOLIS!
"AND WHAT WAS IT THAT DEMANDED OUR ATTENTION EVERY DAY AND EVERY NIGHT?
"WHAT INDEED?
"ALL SEEMED IN READINESS -- IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE FOSSIL FUELS THAT HAD BEEN POLLUTING THE COUNTRYSIDE AROUND US ALL FOR YEARS!
"BUT, STILL, SOMETHING NAGGED AT ME TO WAIT BEFORE TESTING. MY ASSISTANT-- JULIAN KINTOBOR OF THE HOUSE OF IVO, A BRILLIANT YOUNG MAN WITH UNLIMITED POTENTIAL-- ASSURED ME THAT HE HAD CHECKED ALL THE CALIBRATIONS TO THE TEE.
IBIS
"HE TOLD ME TO SEIZE THE DAY.
"HEAVEN HELP ME... I DID.
AIR BUS
THOOM
"I SEIZED THE DAY... AND WAS SOON AFTER, SEIZED BY THE AUTHORITIES.
SEDITION. NEGLIGENCE. ENDANGERING PUBLIC LIVES. NOISE POLLUTION. THE LIST OF CRIMES WENT ON...

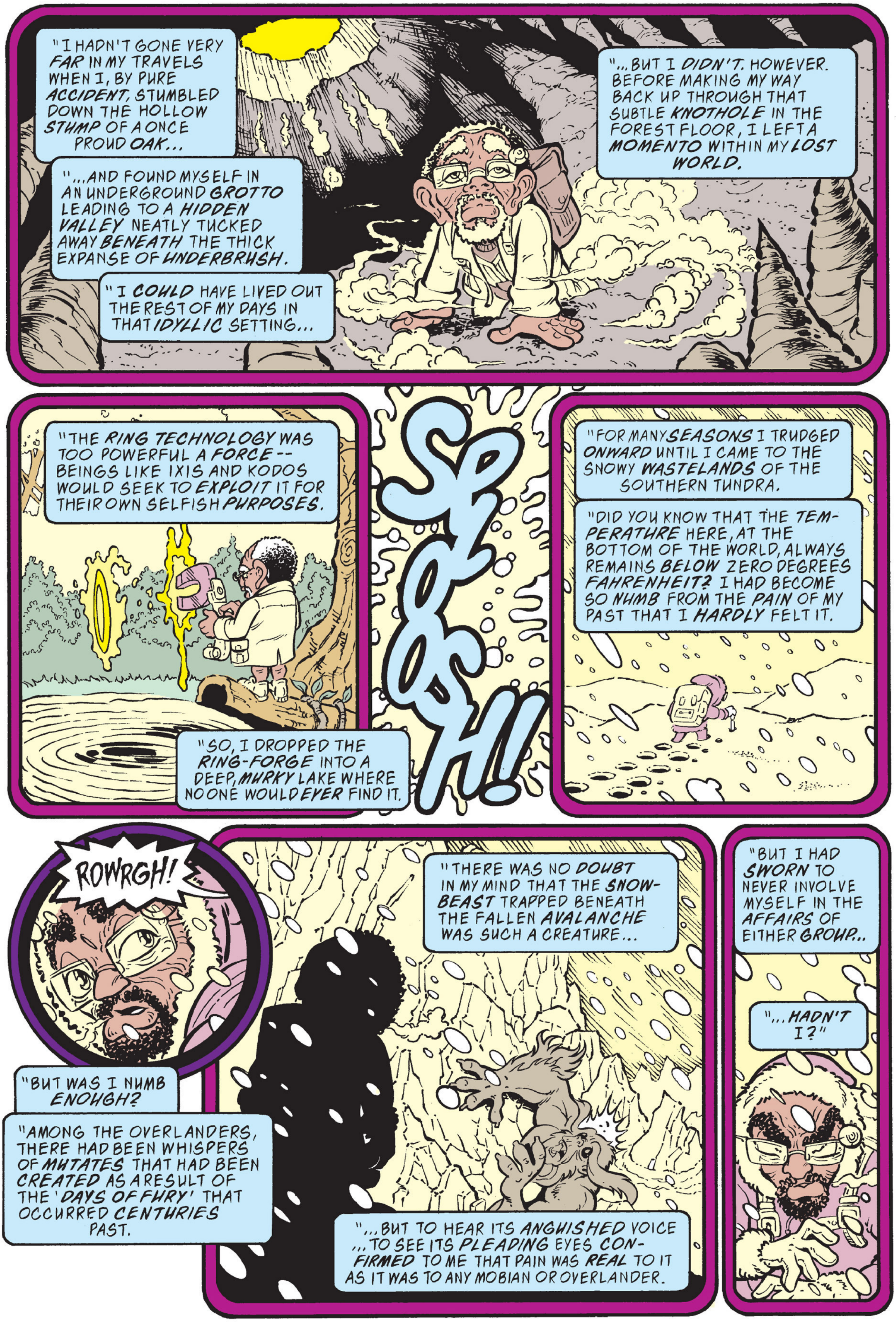

"IT WAS *DECIDED* THAT *SINCE* THERE WAS *NO* LOSS OF LIFE, I WAS TO BE *BANISHED* FROM OVERLAND FOREVER. *ONLY FOREVER...*
"IF I SURVIVED MY TREK THROUGH THE BADLANDS I *RESOLVED* MYSELF TO BEING *KILLED* BY THE *ANTHROPOMORPHIC MOBIANS* WHO OFTEN COME INTO *CONFLICT* WITH MY KIND.
"AS WITH JULIAN *BEFORE* I MADE A GROSS *ERROR* IN JUDGMENT.
"AND ALTHOUGH IT *WOULD* HAVE BEEN *EASIER* TO MEET ME WITH *DISTRUST* AS HIS *ROYAL GUARD* DID...
"...*KING FREDERIC ACORN* DID JUST THE *OPPOSITE...*
"...AND, *INSTEAD* EXTENDED HIS HAND IN *FRIENDSHIP*.
"THE KINGDOM OF ACORN WAS *VERY* DIFFERENT BACK THEN. UNLIKE WE OVERLANDERS, YOU MOBIANS BELIEVED IN THE *PRESERVATION* OF *NATURE*.
"IT WAS THE SAME REASON WHY THE KINGDOM HAD REMAINED IN A *PRE-INDUSTRIAL STATE*.
"WITH THE AWFUL *MEMORY* OF THE ACCIDENT IN OVERLAND CITY *BEHIND* ME, I FELT ONCE MORE AT *PEACE* WITH MYSELF.
"WHERE I HAD BEEN *CAST* OUT BY MY *OWN* PEOPLE, HERE *I* WAS *ACCEPTED*--EVEN AS A MEMBER OF THE *ROYAL COURT*.

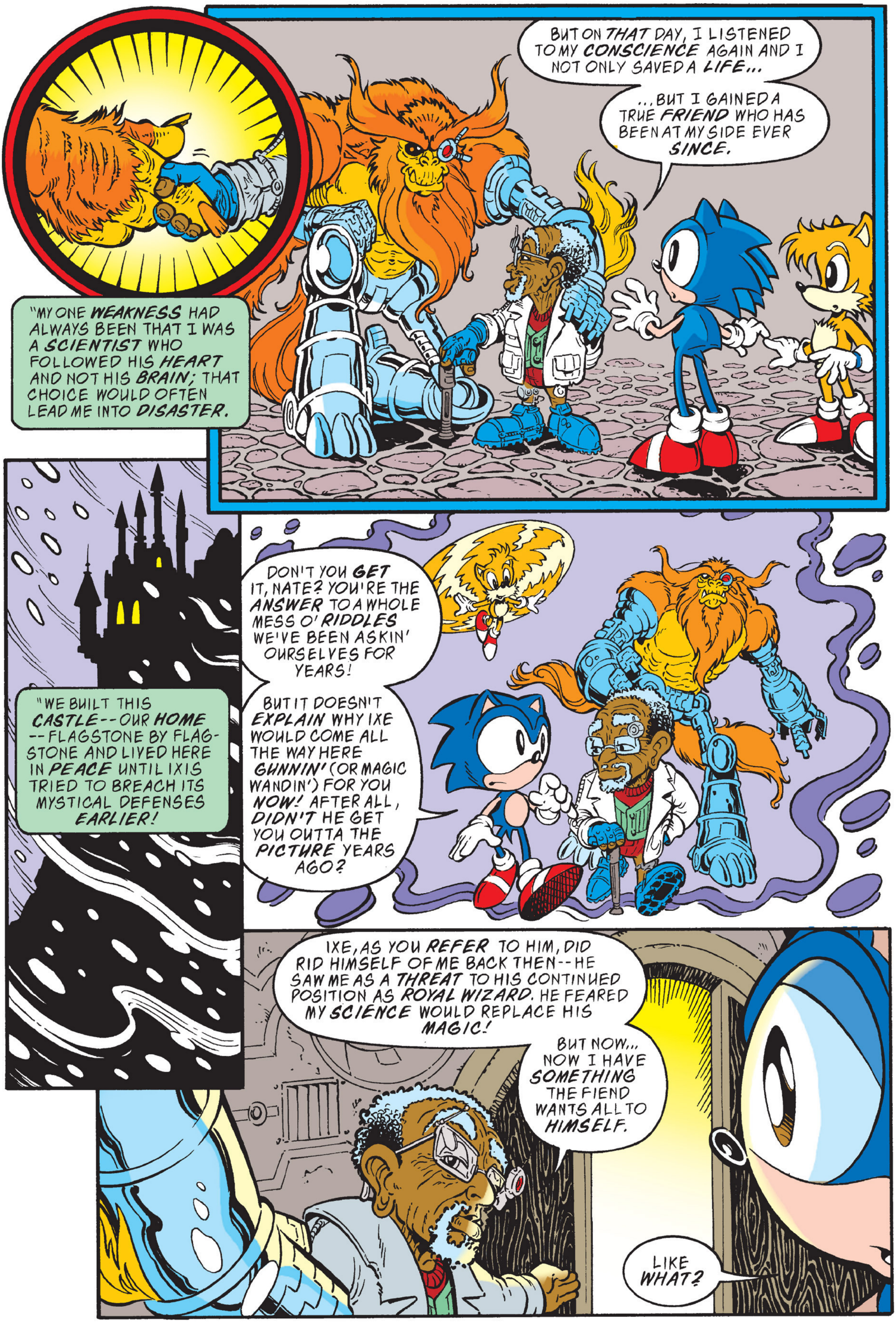

"I RESUMED MY WORK WITH NEW VIGOR AND NOW I FINALLY HAD THE NECESSARY COMPONENT TO SAFELY COMPLETE MY TEST--
"--THE POWER LOCKED WITHIN A CHAOS EMERALD!
"ITS INNATE ENERGIES ALLOWED THE NEW, CLEAN AIR POWER SOURCE I HAD BEEN TRYING TO PERFECT FOR YEARS BEFORE TO COME TO FRUITION.
"WITH THE LEGENDARY GEM PROVIDED BY KING FREDERIC AND MY OWN POWER RINGS AS A CONDUIT FOR ITS AWESOME FORCES...
"...THE KINGDOM OF ACORN QUICKLY ADVANCED INTO A TECHNOLOGICAL GOLDEN AGE AND THE CITY OF MOBOTROPOLIS WAS BUILT IN COMMEMORATION.
"WHERE THERE WERE FOUR NATURAL ELEMENTS ON PLANET MOBIUS, THERE WERE NOW FIVE: EARTH, WIND, FIRE, WATER--
"--AND THE POWER RING!
"I WAS HAILED AS A HERO BY THE POPULACE...
"AND LATER WATCHED WITH PRIDE AS YOUNG PRINCE MAXIMILLIAN ACCEPTED THE SOVEREIGN MANTLE FROM HIS AGING SIRE."

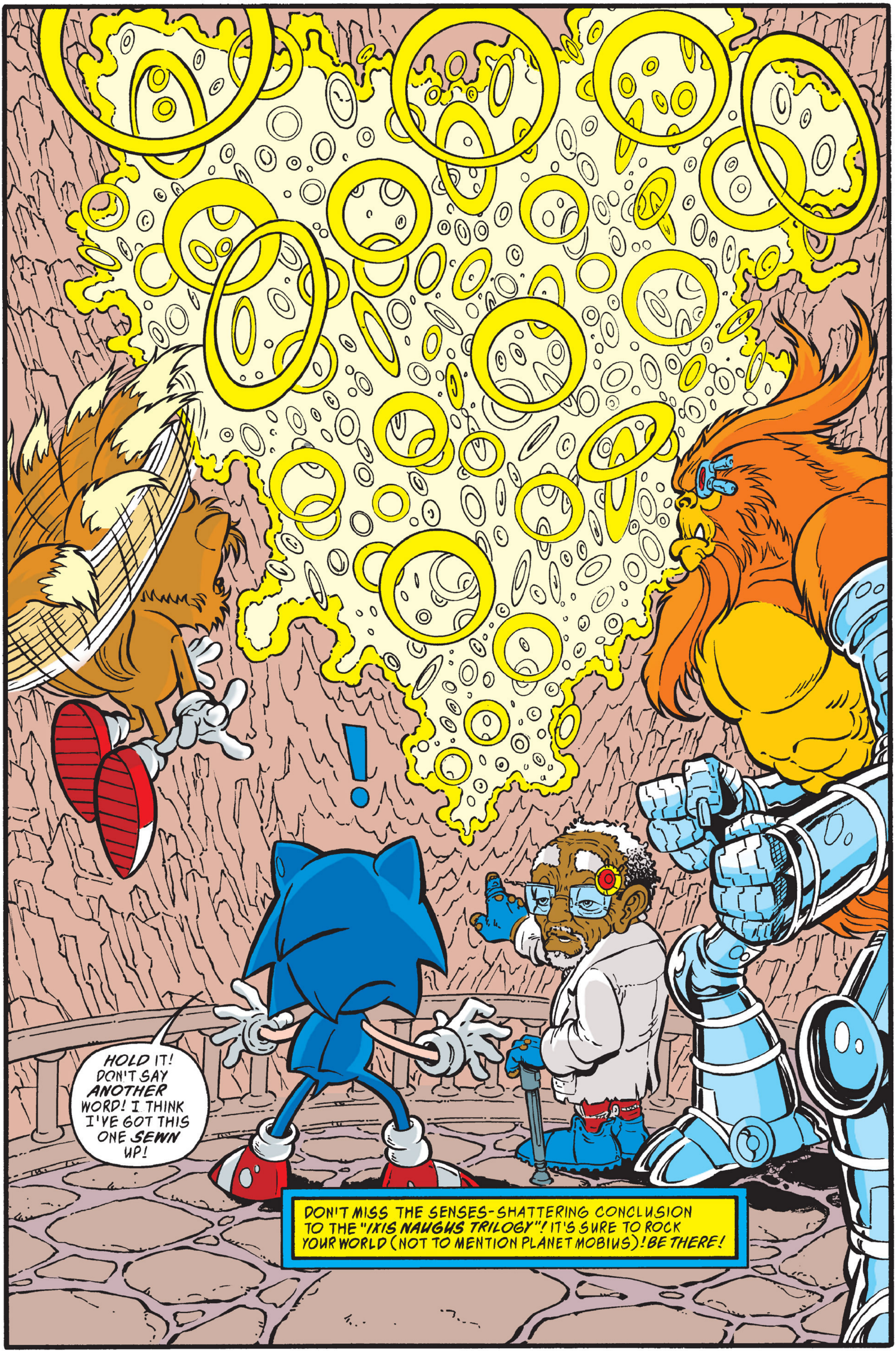

"NOW THE ENVIROMENTAL RING-MAKER, I SPENT MY TIME HONING THE FINEST YOUNG MINDS IN THE KINGDOM.
"I SEEM TO RECALL HAVING YOUR FATHER AND HIS BROTHER, CHARLES AS TWO OF MY FINEST STUDENTS, SONIC.
"ALL WAS WELL AT LAST...
"...OR SO I HAD FOOLISHLY BELIEVED.
"KING MAX HAD CERTAIN... ADVISORS WHO FELT THREATENED BY MY PRESENCE IN MOBOTROPOLIS.
"WHEN ONE OF THEM, THE ROYAL WIZARD, IXIS NAUGHUS COULD NOT CONVINCE THE YOUNG MONARCH OF MY ALLEGED TRAITOROUS NATURE...
"...HE SOUGHT OUT OTHER ALLIES. GENERAL KODOS, HATED OVERLANDERS MORE THAN ANYONE IN MOBOTROPOLIS.
"FOR IXIS, WINNING HIM OVER WAS CHILD'S PLAY!
"IXIS SET ABOUT THEIR SCHEME--
--ONE THAT WOULD INVOLVE CONTROLLING THE ALREADY STRAINED EMOTIONS OF A LOST CONTIGENT OF OVER-LANDER GROUND TROOPS!"


"DID IXIS KNOW THAT KODOS, HIS TROOPS, AND MYSELF WOULD RUN INTO THE *LOST* SOLDIERS WHILE PERFORMING AN ENVIRONMENTAL *SURVEY* OF THE *GREAT FOREST*?
"DID KODOS?
"IT WAS CERTAINLY *ODD* THAT HIS ARMED TROOPS SHOULD CHOOSE TO ACCOMPANY ME ON *THIS* OCCASION...
"*MY* PEOPLE AREN'T KNOWN FOR TRYING TO SETTLE *ARGUMENTS* PEACEFULLY...
"...AND, WELL, NEITHER ARE YOURS!
"*YOU* CAN GUESS WHAT *HAPPENED*!"


"THE *SIGHTS* AND *SOUNDS* OF THE BATTLE MUST HAVE BEEN HEARD AS FAR AWAY AS *CASTLE ACORN*...
"...BECAUSE THE ***NEXT*** THING I RECALL WAS SEEING KING MAX, ***DOCTOR HORATIO QUACK***, AND A TEAM OF ***MEDICS*** COMING THROUGH THE SMOKE.
"THAT WAS THE ***LAST*** TIME I WAS ***GLAD*** TO SEE A MOBIAN!
"FROM HIS ***BEDSIDE***, THE WOUNDED KODOS TOLD THE KING THAT IT WAS I WHO ***REVEALED*** THE LOCATION OF THE ***KINGDOM*** TO THE OVERLANDERS.
"IXIS WAS QUICK TO BACK HIM UP IN HIS ***LIES***!
"KING MAX AND ***QUEEN ALICIA*** WERE ***TORN***-- I HAD BOUNCED HIM ON MY ***KNEE*** WHEN HE WAS LITTLE...
"...BUT THAT DIDN'T ***BELIE*** THE FACT THAT KODOS AND I WERE THE ***ONLY*** SURVIVORS OF THE ***SKIRMISH***. IT WAS A ***TERRIBLE*** DAY...
"I WOULD BEAR ***SCARS***, INNER AND OUTER FROM THOSE ***EVENTS***.
"I EXILED MYSELF THIS TIME -- I HAD CAUSED ENOUGH ***PROBLEMS*** FOR OVERLANDER AND MOBIAN ALIKE!
"YES... IT WAS A TERRIBLE DAY FOR US ***ALL***...


"I HADN'T GONE VERY FAR IN MY TRAVELS WHEN I, BY PURE ACCIDENT, STUMBLED DOWN THE HOLLOW STUMP OF A ONCE PROUD OAK...
"...AND FOUND MYSELF IN AN UNDERGROUND GROTTO LEADING TO A HIDDEN VALLEY NEATLY TUCKED AWAY BENEATH THE THICK EXPANSE OF UNDERBRUSH.
"I COULD HAVE LIVED OUT THE REST OF MY DAYS IN THAT IDYLLIC SETTING...
"...BUT I DIDN'T. HOWEVER. BEFORE MAKING MY WAY BACK UP THROUGH THAT SUBTLE KNOTHOLE IN THE FOREST FLOOR, I LEFT A MOMENTO WITHIN MY LOST WORLD.
"THE RING TECHNOLOGY WAS TOO POWERFUL A FORCE -- BEINGS LIKE IXIS AND KODOS WOULD SEEK TO EXPLOIT IT FOR THEIR OWN SELFISH PURPOSES.
"SO, I DROPPED THE RING-FORGE INTO A DEEP, MURKY LAKE WHERE NO ONE WOULD EVER FIND IT.
SPLOOSH!
"FOR MANY SEASONS I TRUDGED ONWARD UNTIL I CAME TO THE SNOWY WASTELANDS OF THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA.
"DID YOU KNOW THAT THE TEMPERATURE HERE, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD, ALWAYS REMAINS BELOW ZERO DEGREES FAHRENHEIT? I HAD BECOME SO NUMB FROM THE PAIN OF MY PAST THAT I HARDLY FELT IT.
ROWRGH!
"BUT WAS I NUMB ENOUGH?
"AMONG THE OVERLANDERS, THERE HAD BEEN WHISPERS OF MUTATES THAT HAD BEEN CREATED AS A RESULT OF THE 'DAYS OF FURY' THAT OCCURRED CENTURIES PAST.
"THERE WAS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THE SNOW-BEAST TRAPPED BENEATH THE FALLEN AVALANCHE WAS SUCH A CREATURE...
"...BUT TO HEAR ITS ANGUISHED VOICE ...TO SEE ITS PLEADING EYES CONFIRMED TO ME THAT PAIN WAS REAL TO IT AS IT WAS TO ANY MOBIAN OR OVERLANDER.
"BUT I HAD SWORN TO NEVER INVOLVE MYSELF IN THE AFFAIRS OF EITHER GROUP...
"...HADN'T I?"


"MY ONE **WEAKNESS** HAD ALWAYS BEEN THAT I WAS A **SCIENTIST** WHO FOLLOWED HIS **HEART** AND NOT HIS **BRAIN;** THAT CHOICE WOULD OFTEN LEAD ME INTO **DISASTER.**
BUT ON **THAT** DAY, I LISTENED TO MY **CONSCIENCE** AGAIN AND I NOT ONLY SAVED A **LIFE...**
...BUT I GAINED A TRUE **FRIEND** WHO HAS BEEN AT MY SIDE EVER **SINCE.**
"WE BUILT THIS **CASTLE**--OUR **HOME**--FLAGSTONE BY FLAGSTONE AND LIVED HERE IN **PEACE** UNTIL IXIS TRIED TO BREACH ITS MYSTICAL DEFENSES **EARLIER!**
DON'T YOU **GET** IT, NATE? YOU'RE THE **ANSWER** TO A WHOLE MESS O' **RIDDLES** WE'VE BEEN ASKIN' OURSELVES FOR YEARS!
BUT IT DOESN'T **EXPLAIN** WHY IXE WOULD COME ALL THE WAY HERE **GUNNIN'** (OR MAGIC WANDIN') FOR YOU **NOW!** AFTER ALL, **DIDN'T** HE GET YOU OUTTA THE **PICTURE** YEARS AGO?
IXE, AS YOU **REFER** TO HIM, DID RID HIMSELF OF ME BACK THEN--HE SAW ME AS A **THREAT** TO HIS CONTINUED POSITION AS **ROYAL WIZARD.** HE FEARED MY **SCIENCE** WOULD REPLACE HIS **MAGIC!**
BUT NOW... NOW I HAVE **SOMETHING** THE FIEND WANTS ALL TO **HIMSELF.**
LIKE **WHAT?**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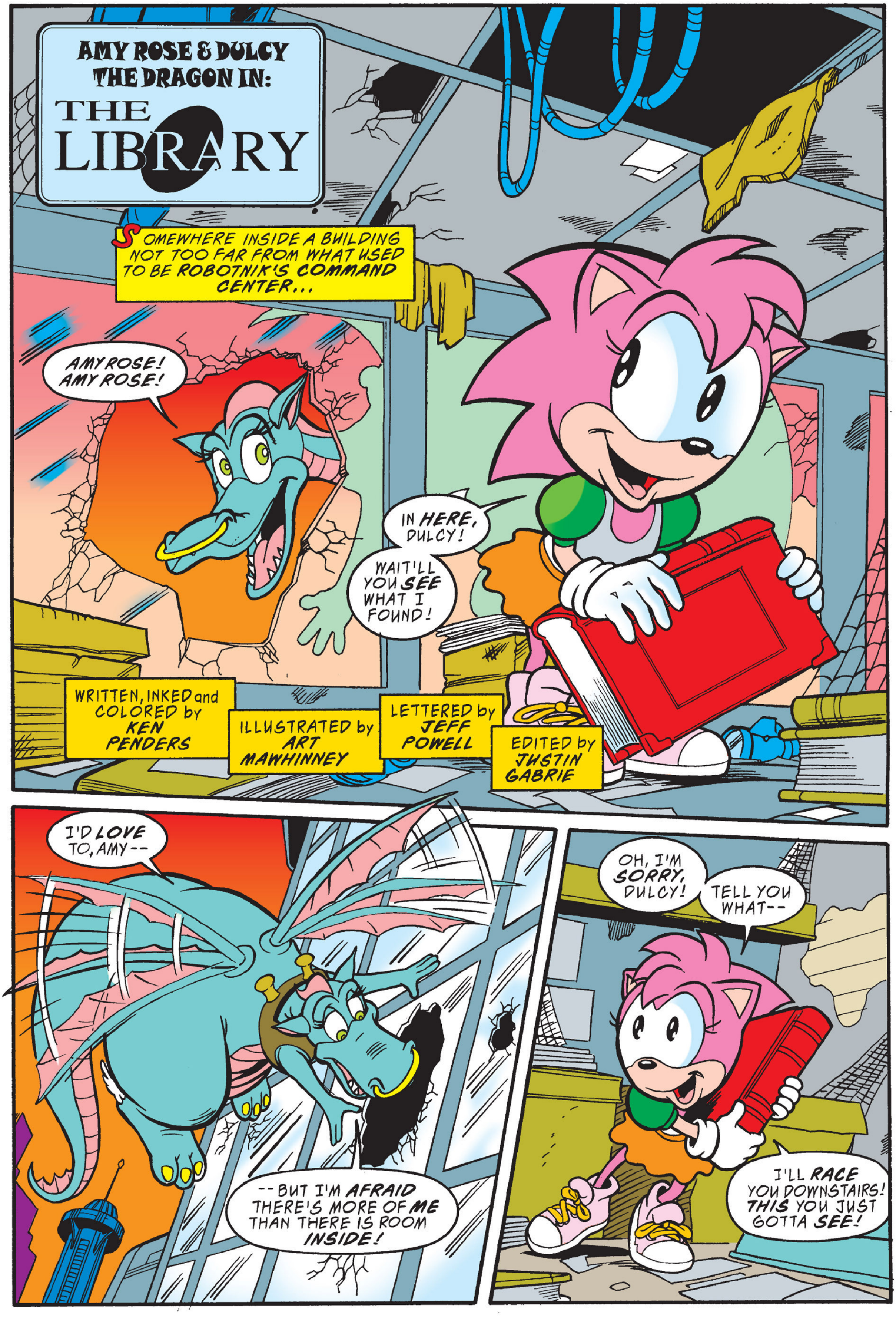
HOLD IT! DON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD! I THINK I'VE GOT THIS ONE SEWN UP!
DON'T MISS THE SENSES-SHATTERING CONCLUSION TO THE "IXIS NAUGUS TRILOGY"! IT'S SURE TO ROCK YOUR WORLD (NOT TO MENTION PLANET MOBIUS)! BE THERE!

AMY ROSE & DULCY THE DRAGON IN: THE LIBRARY


SOMEWHERE INSIDE A BUILDING NOT TOO FAR FROM WHAT USED TO BE ROBOTNIK'S COMMAND CENTER...
AMY ROSE! AMY ROSE!
IN HERE, DULCY!
WAIT'LL YOU SEE WHAT I FOUND!
I'D LOVE TO, AMY--
--BUT I'M AFRAID THERE'S MORE OF ME THAN THERE IS ROOM INSIDE!
OH, I'M SORRY, DULCY!
TELL YOU WHAT--
I'LL RACE YOU DOWNSTAIRS! THIS YOU JUST GOTTA SEE!

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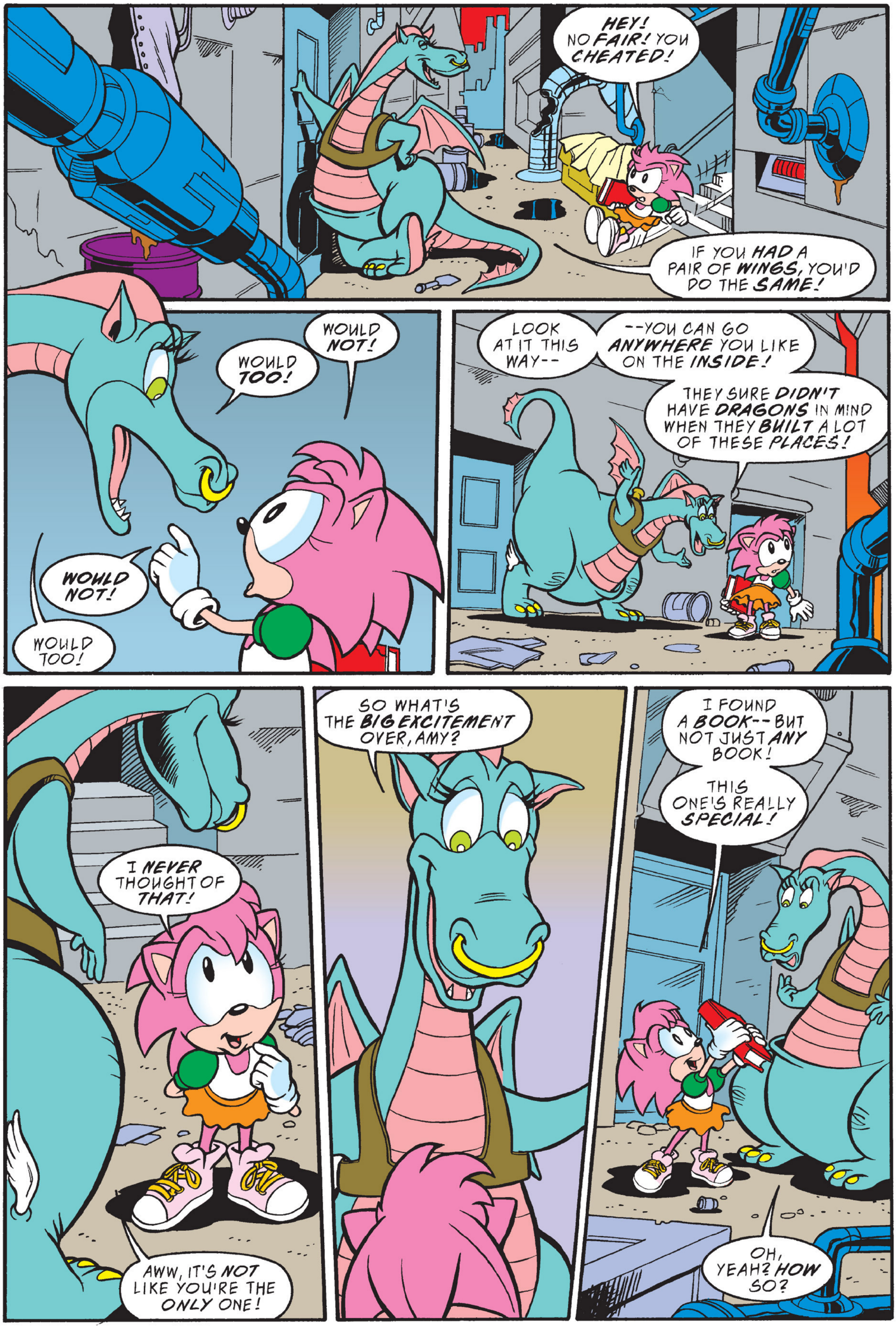
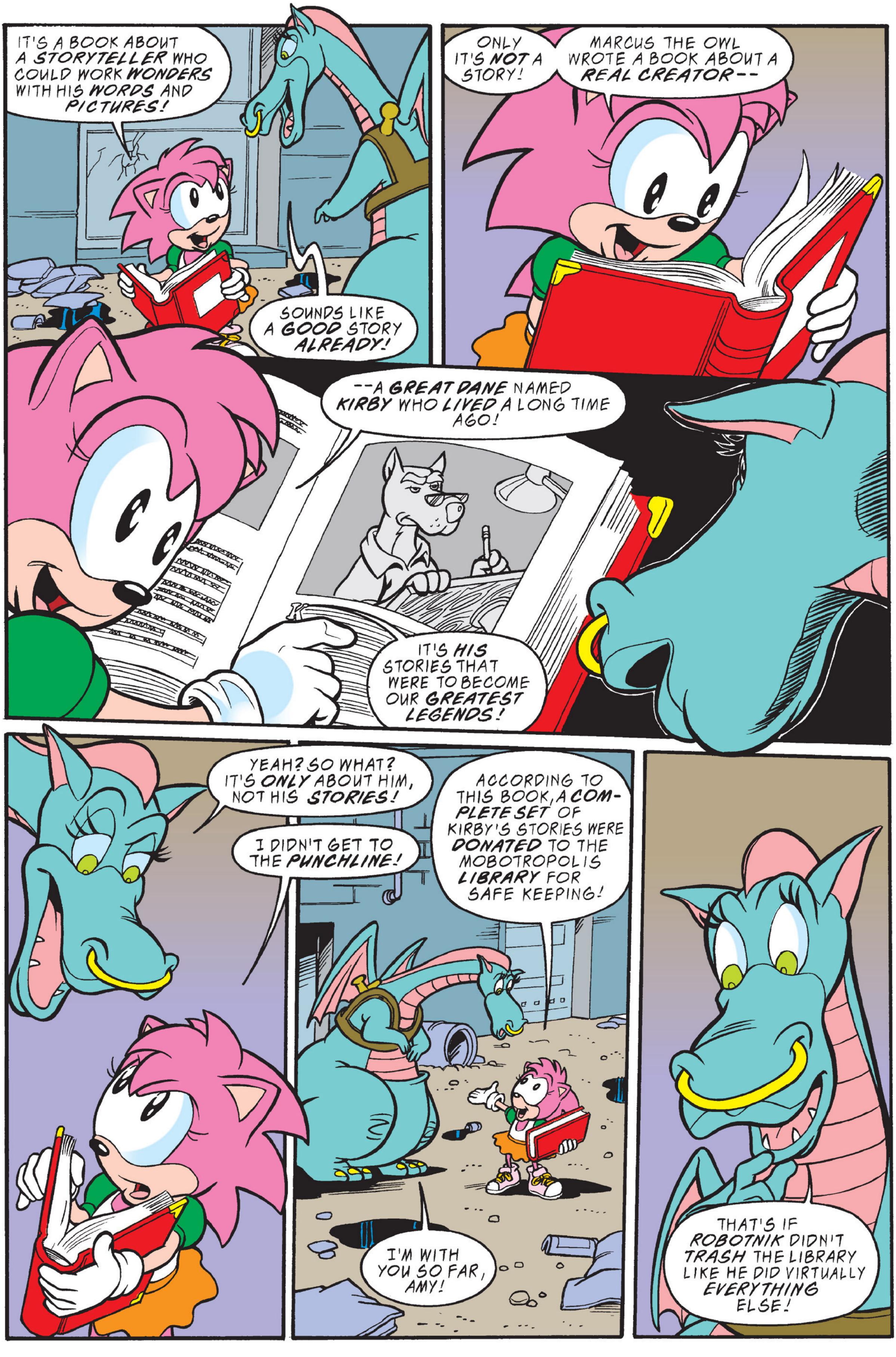
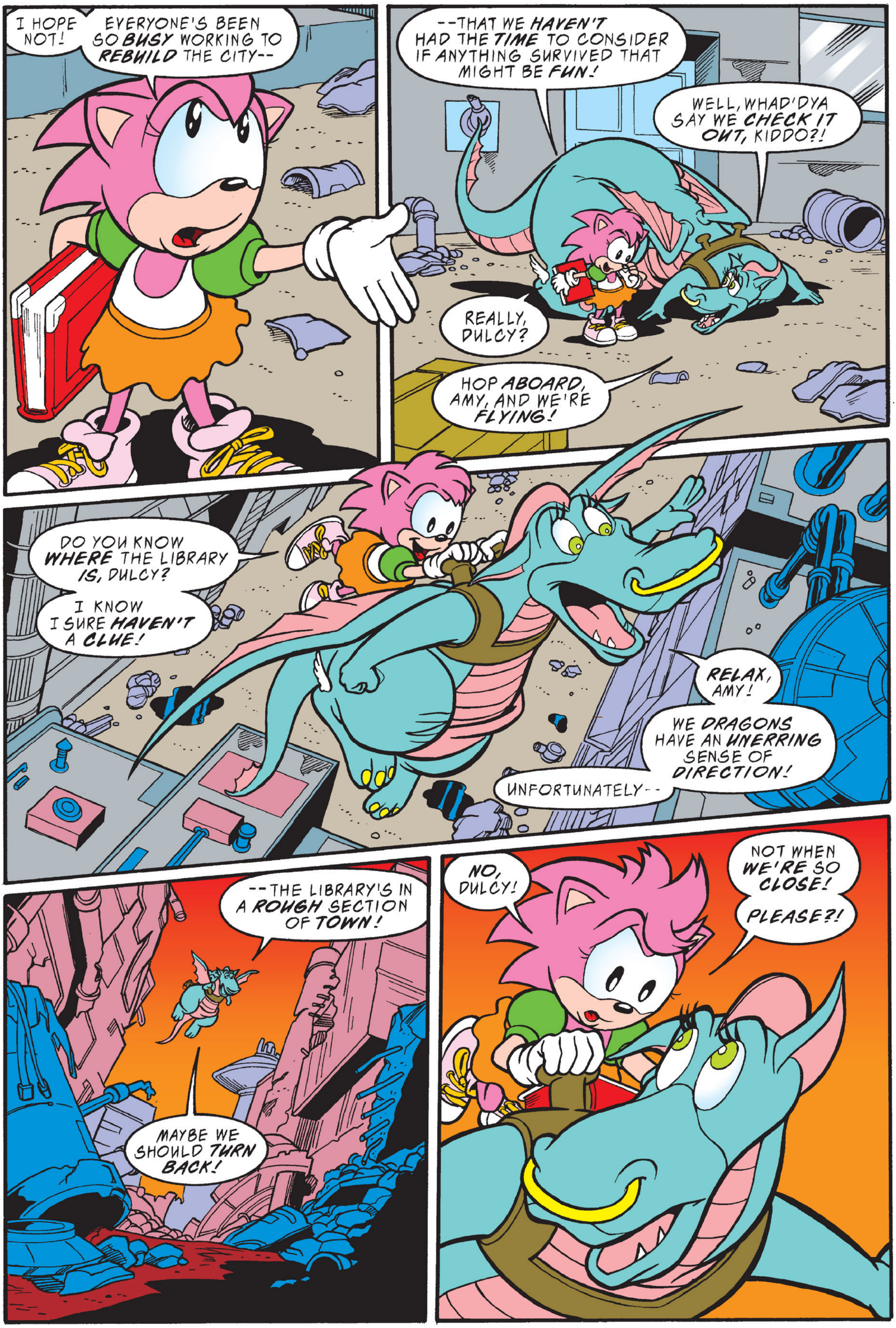
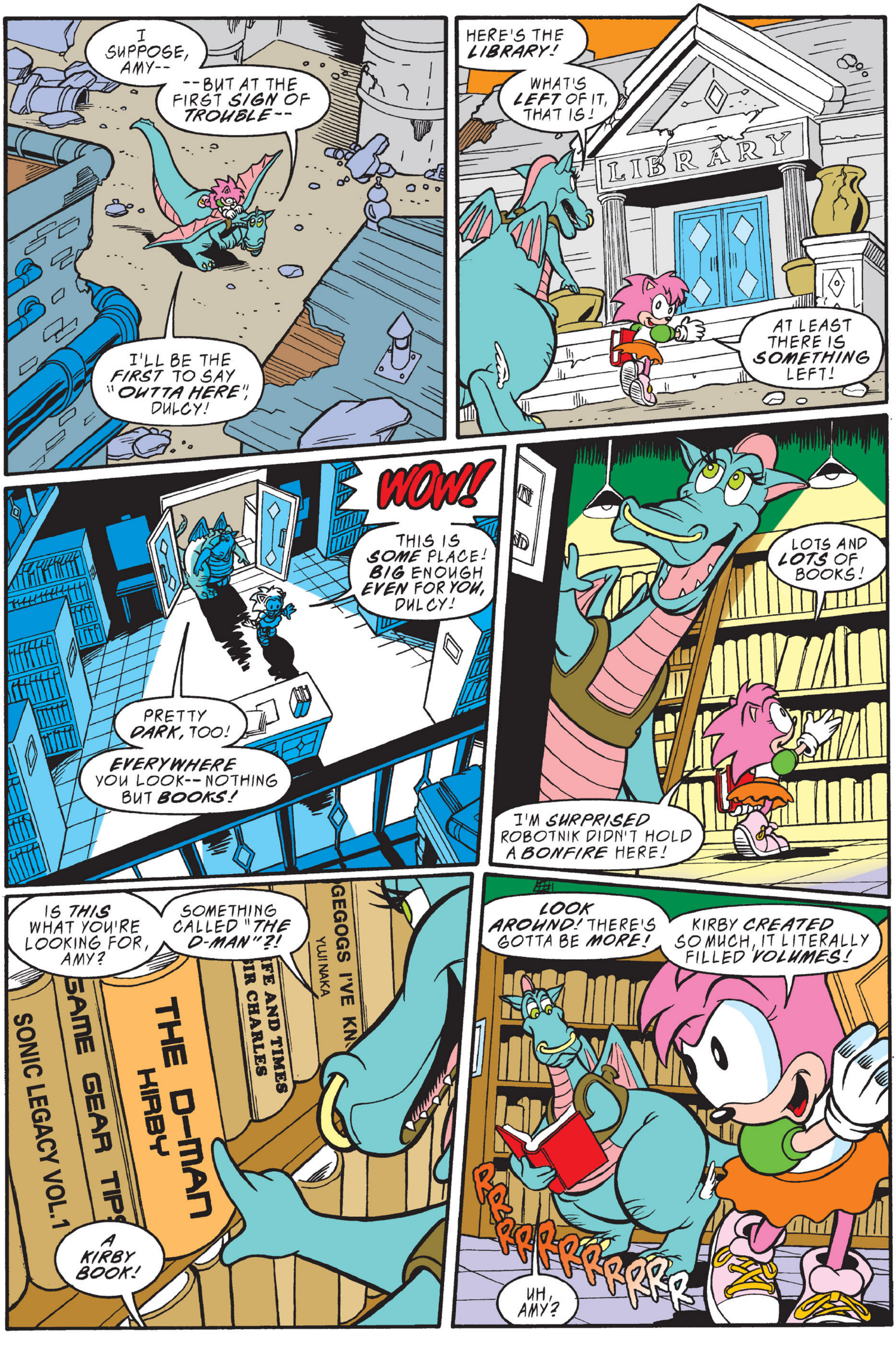
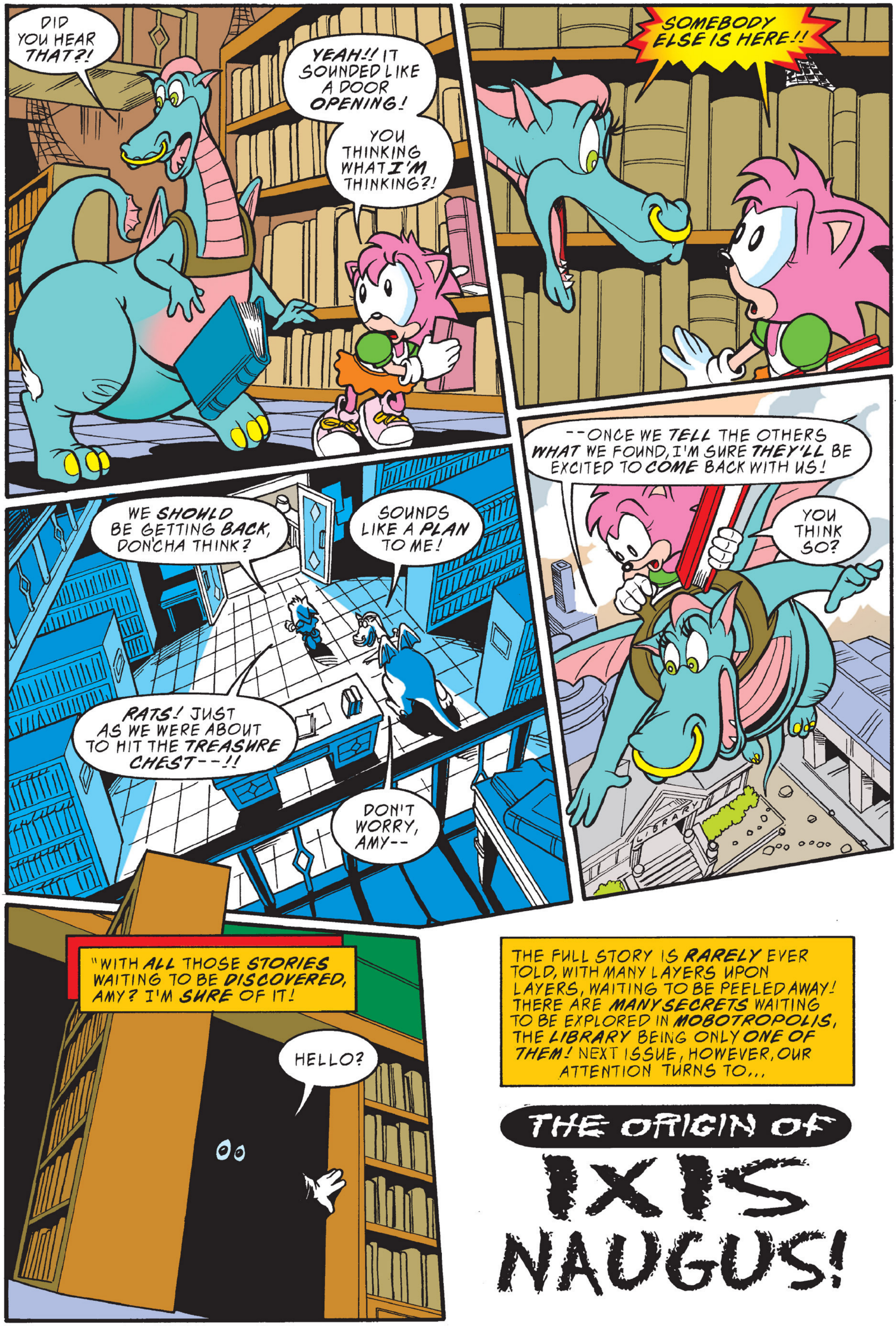
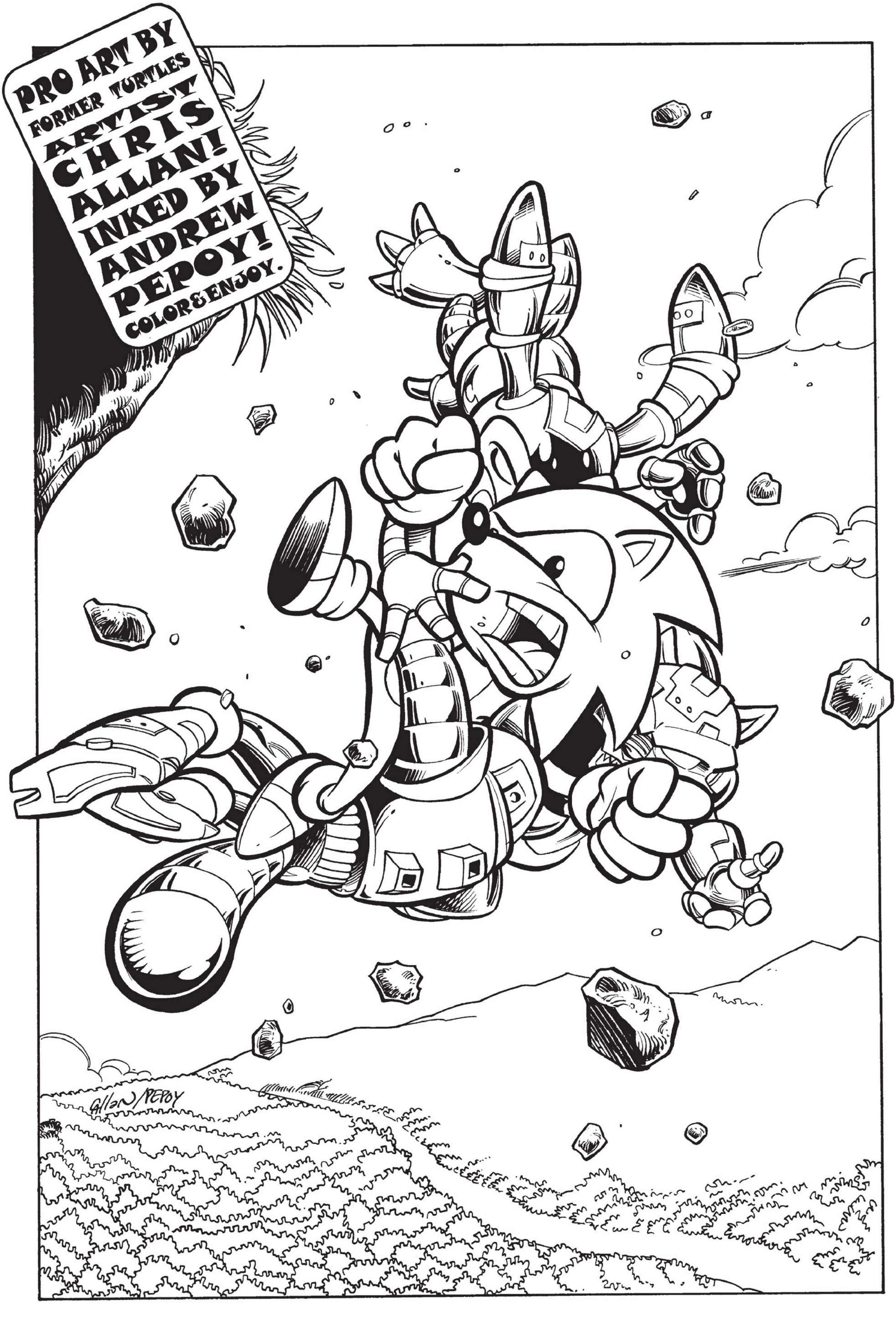

HEY! NO FAIR! YOU CHEATED!
IF YOU HAD A PAIR OF WINGS, YOU'D DO THE SAME!
WOULD NOT!
WOULD TOO!
WOULD NOT!
WOULD TOO!
LOOK AT IT THIS WAY--
--YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE YOU LIKE ON THE INSIDE!
THEY SURE DIDN'T HAVE DRAGONS IN MIND WHEN THEY BUILT A LOT OF THESE PLACES!
I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!
AWW, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE!
SO WHAT'S THE BIG EXCITEMENT OVER, AMY?
I FOUND A BOOK-- BUT NOT JUST ANY BOOK!
THIS ONE'S REALLY SPECIAL!
OH, YEAH? HOW SO?


IT'S A BOOK ABOUT A **STORYTELLER** WHO COULD WORK **WONDERS** WITH HIS **WORDS** AND **PICTURES!**
SOUNDS LIKE A **GOOD** STORY **ALREADY!**
ONLY IT'S **NOT** A STORY!
MARCUS THE OWL WROTE A BOOK ABOUT A **REAL CREATOR--**
--A **GREAT DANE** NAMED **KIRBY** WHO **LIVED** A LONG TIME AGO!
IT'S **HIS** STORIES THAT WERE TO BECOME OUR **GREATEST LEGENDS!**
YEAH? SO WHAT? IT'S **ONLY** ABOUT HIM, NOT HIS **STORIES!**
I DIDN'T GET TO THE **PUNCHLINE!**
ACCORDING TO THIS BOOK, A **COMPLETE SET** OF KIRBY'S STORIES WERE **DONATED** TO THE MOBOTROPOLIS **LIBRARY** FOR SAFE KEEPING!
I'M WITH YOU SO FAR, AMY!
THAT'S IF **ROBOTNIK** DIDN'T **TRASH** THE LIBRARY LIKE HE DID VIRTUALLY **EVERYTHING** ELSE!


I HOPE NOT!
EVERYONE'S BEEN SO **BUSY** WORKING TO **REBUILD** THE CITY--
--THAT WE **HAVEN'T** HAD THE **TIME** TO CONSIDER IF ANYTHING SURVIVED THAT MIGHT BE **FUN**!
WELL, WHAD'DYA SAY WE **CHECK IT OUT**, KIDDO?!
REALLY, DULCY?
HOP **ABOARD**, AMY, AND WE'RE **FLYING**!
DO YOU KNOW **WHERE** THE LIBRARY **IS**, DULCY?
I KNOW I SURE **HAVEN'T** A **CLUE**!
RELAX, AMY!
WE **DRAGONS** HAVE AN **UNERRING** SENSE OF **DIRECTION**!
UNFORTUNATELY--
--THE LIBRARY'S IN A **ROUGH** SECTION OF **TOWN**!
MAYBE WE SHOULD **TURN BACK**!
NO, DULCY!
NOT WHEN **WE'RE** SO **CLOSE**!
PLEASE?!


I SUPPOSE, AMY--
--BUT AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE--
I'LL BE THE FIRST TO SAY "OUTTA HERE", DULCY!
HERE'S THE LIBRARY!
WHAT'S LEFT OF IT, THAT IS!
LIBRARY
AT LEAST THERE IS SOMETHING LEFT!
WOW!
THIS IS SOME PLACE! BIG ENOUGH EVEN FOR YOU, DULCY!
PRETTY DARK, TOO!
EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK--NOTHING BUT BOOKS!
LOTS AND LOTS OF BOOKS!
I'M SURPRISED ROBOTNIK DIDN'T HOLD A BONFIRE HERE!
IS THIS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, AMY?
SOMETHING CALLED "THE D-MAN"?!
GEGOGS I'VE KN
YUJI NAKA
LIFE AND TIMES SIR CHARLES
THE D-MAN KIRBY
GAME GEAR TIPS
SONIC LEGACY VOL. 1
A KIRBY BOOK!
LOOK AROUND! THERE'S GOTTA BE MORE!
KIRBY CREATED SO MUCH, IT LITERALLY FILLED VOLUMES!
RRRRRRRRRRRRR
UH, AMY?


DID YOU HEAR THAT?!
YEAH!! IT SOUNDED LIKE A DOOR OPENING!
YOU THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING?!
SOMEBODY ELSE IS HERE!!
WE SHOULD BE GETTING BACK, DON'CHA THINK?
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN TO ME!
RATS! JUST AS WE WERE ABOUT TO HIT THE TREASURE CHEST--!!
DON'T WORRY, AMY--
--ONCE WE TELL THE OTHERS WHAT WE FOUND, I'M SURE THEY'LL BE EXCITED TO COME BACK WITH US!
YOU THINK SO?
LIBRARY
"WITH ALL THOSE STORIES WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED, AMY? I'M SURE OF IT!
HELLO?
THE FULL STORY IS RARELY EVER TOLD, WITH MANY LAYERS UPON LAYERS, WAITING TO BE PEELED AWAY! THERE ARE MANY SECRETS WAITING TO BE EXPLORED IN MOBOTROPOLIS, THE LIBRARY BEING ONLY ONE OF THEM! NEXT ISSUE, HOWEVER, OUR ATTENTION TURNS TO...
THE ORIGIN OF
IXIS NAUGUS!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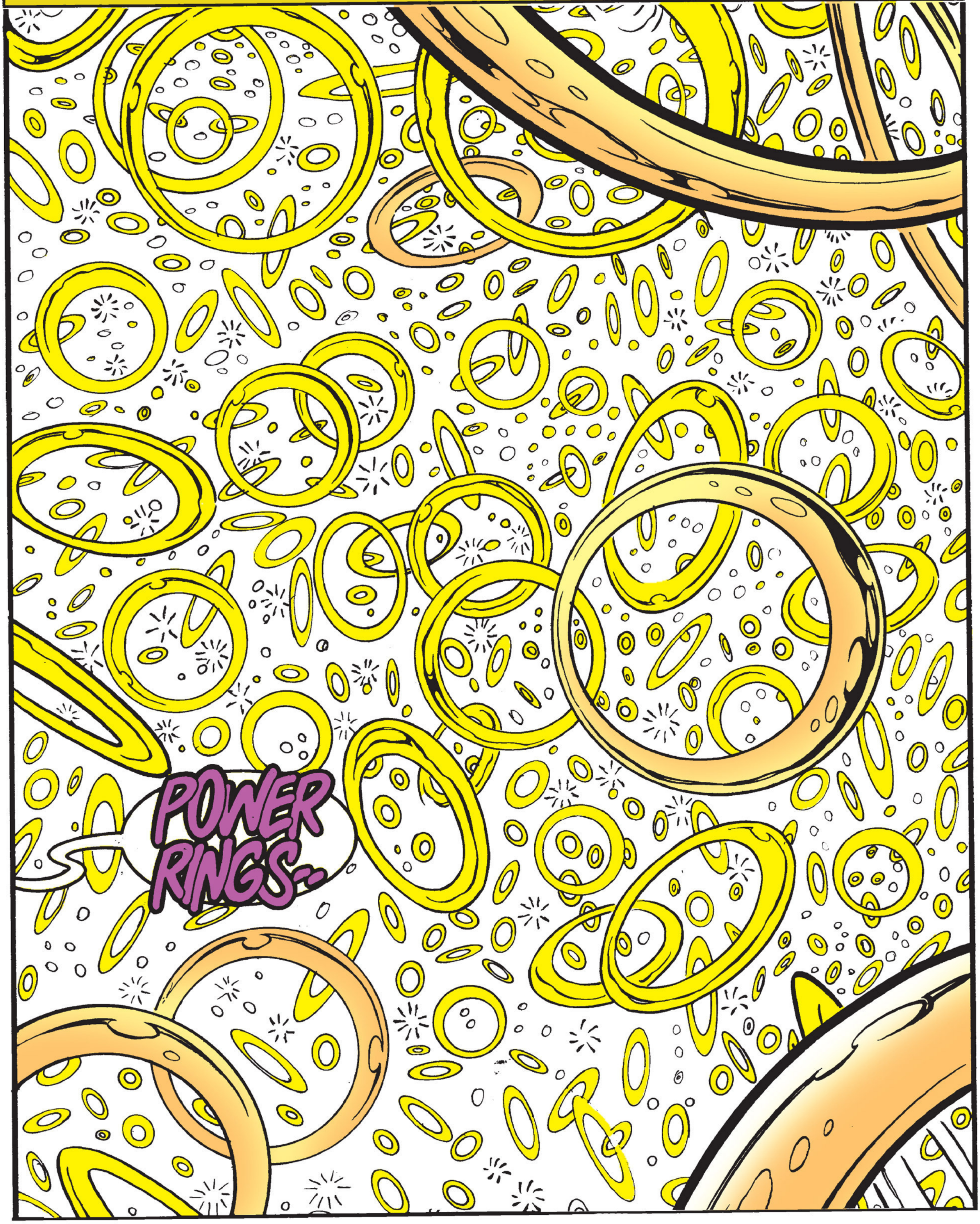
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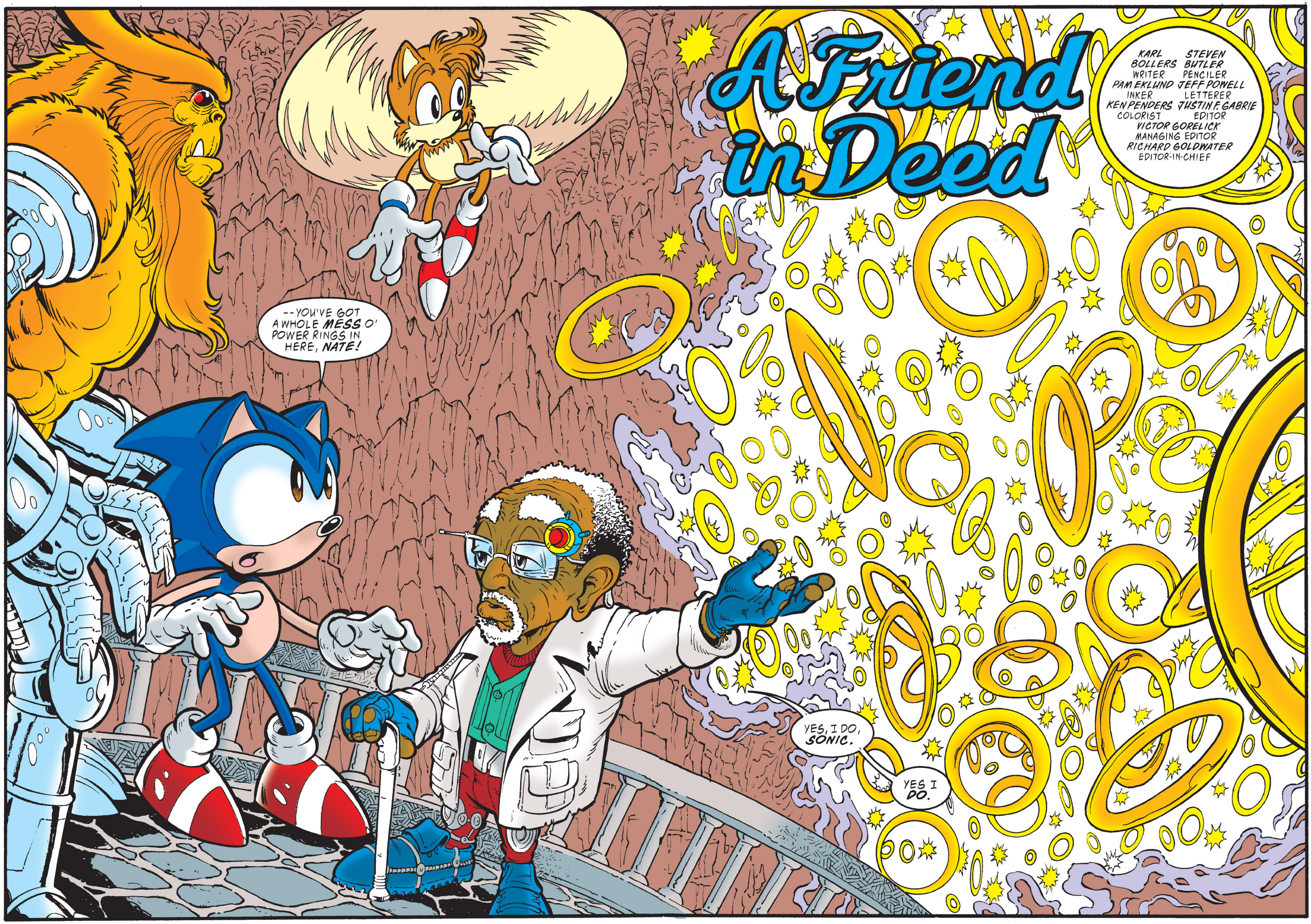

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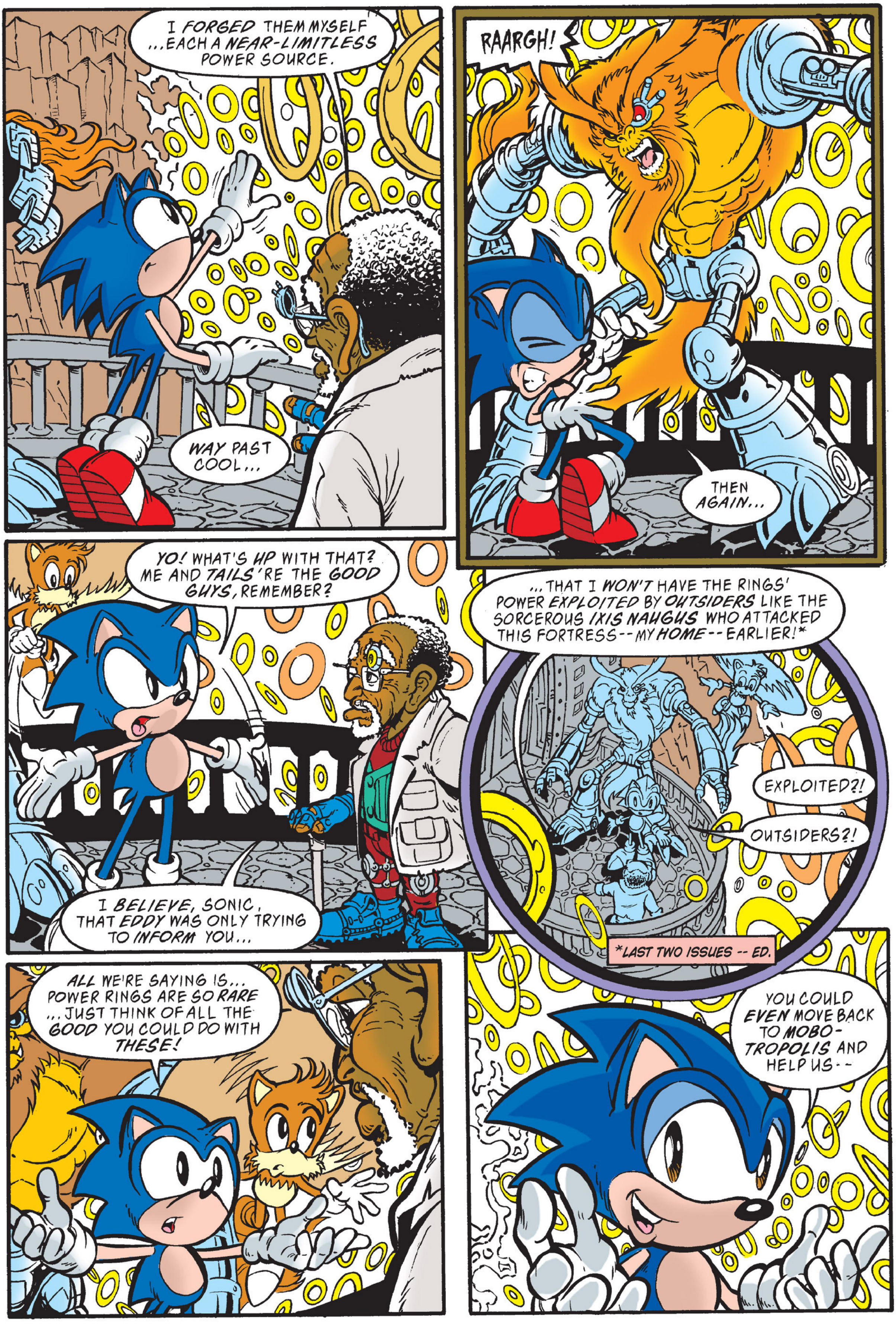
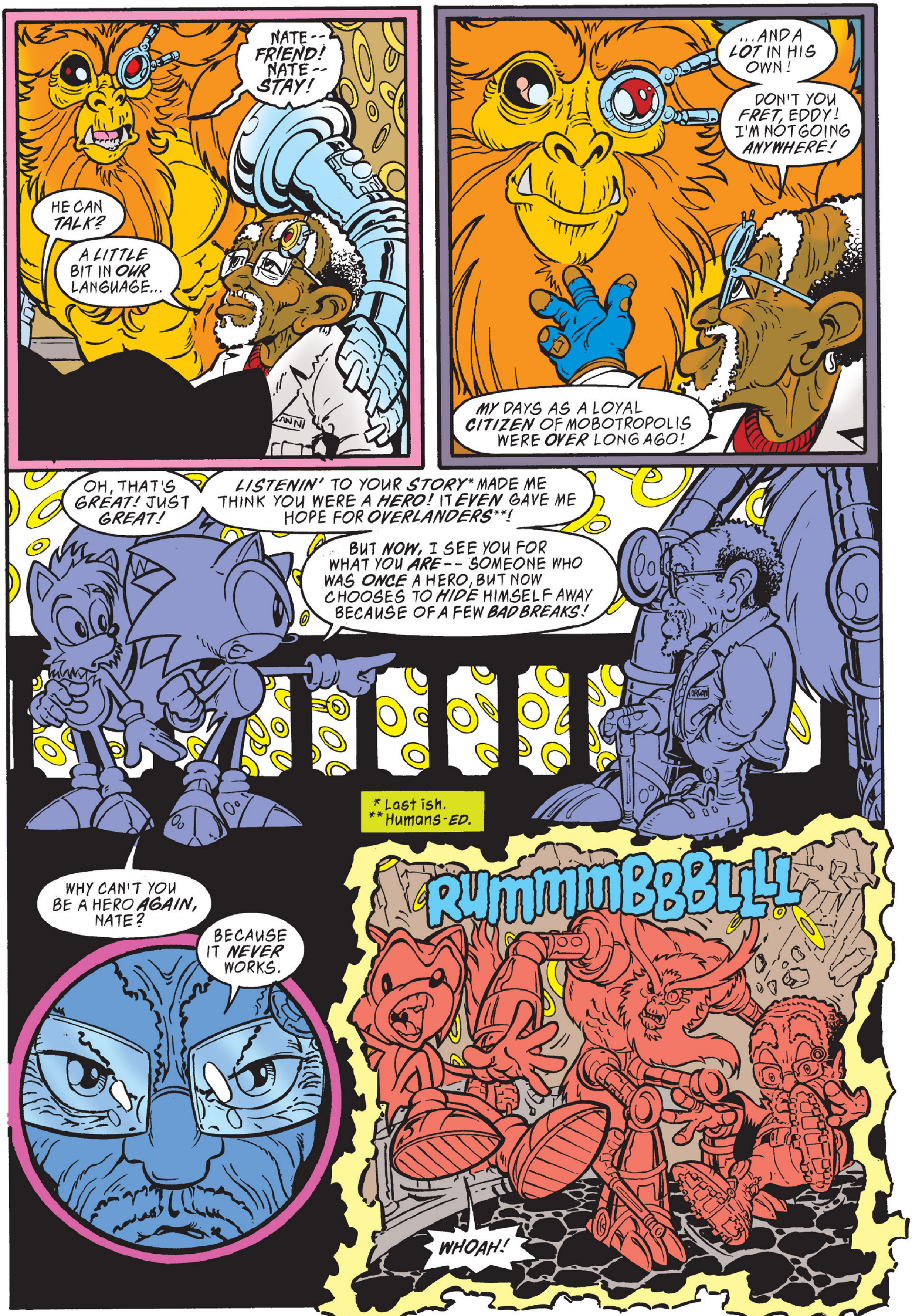
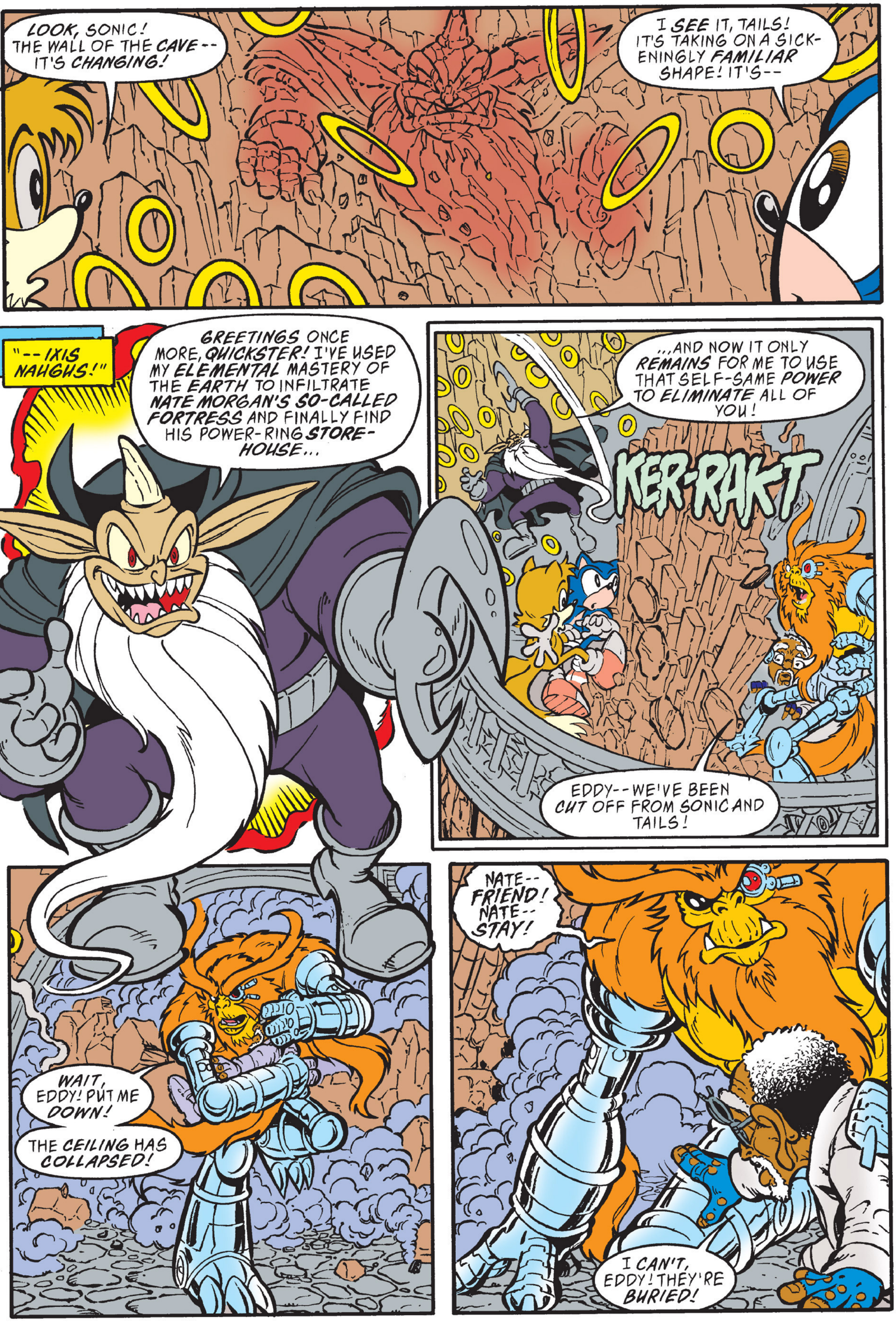
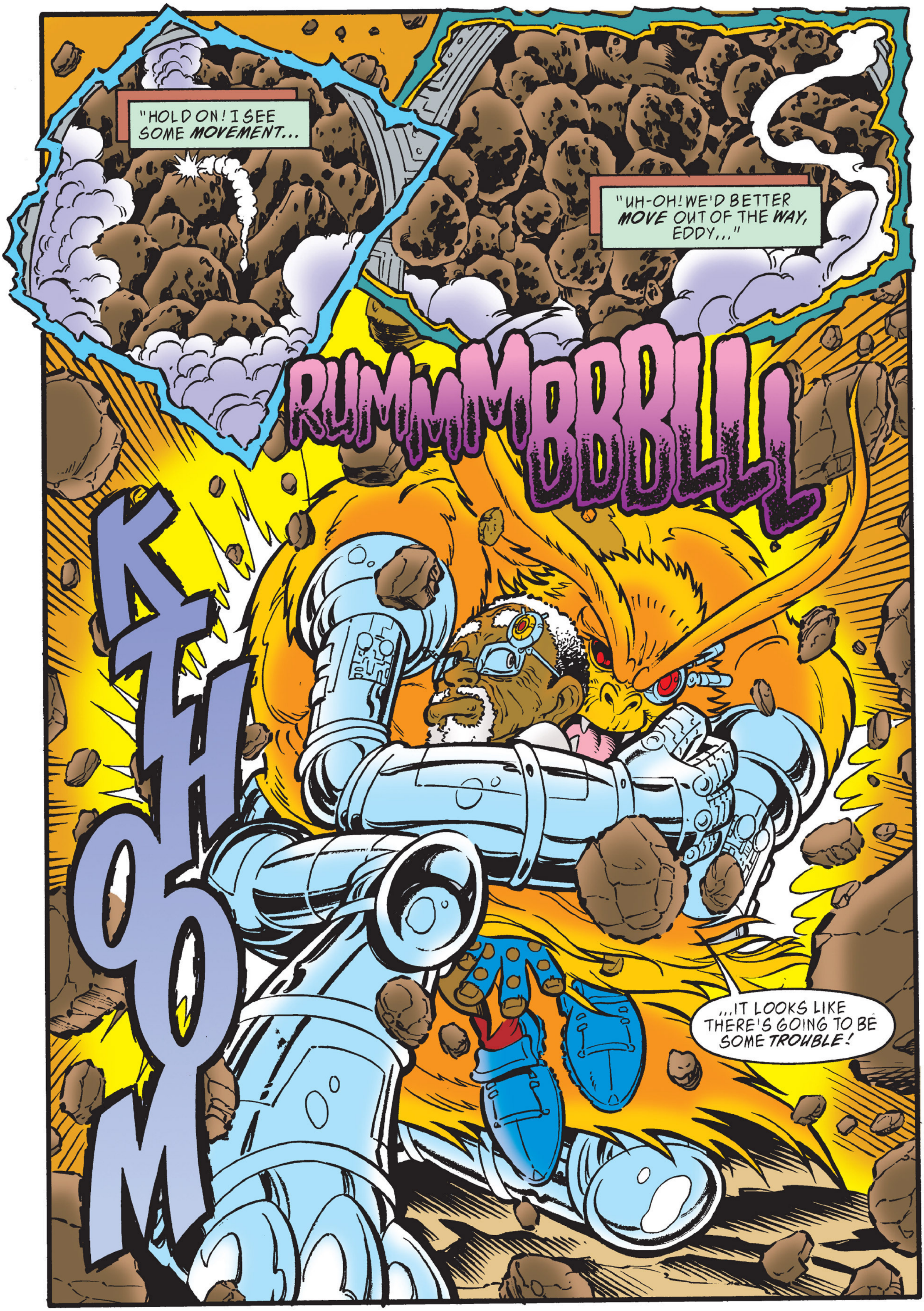
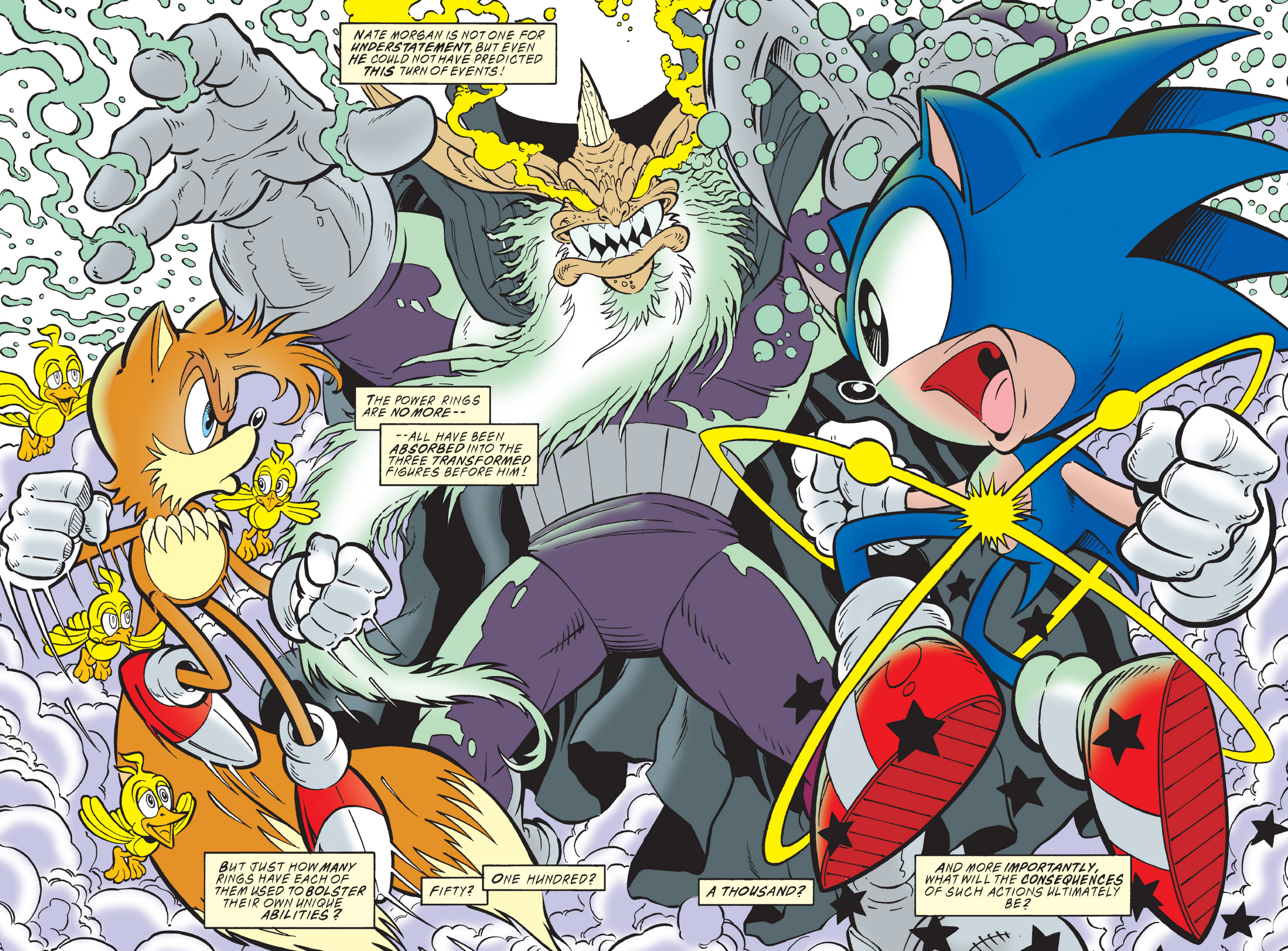
--YOU'VE GOT A WHOLE *MESS* O' POWER RINGS IN HERE, *NATE*!
YES, I DO, *SONIC*.
YES I *DO*.

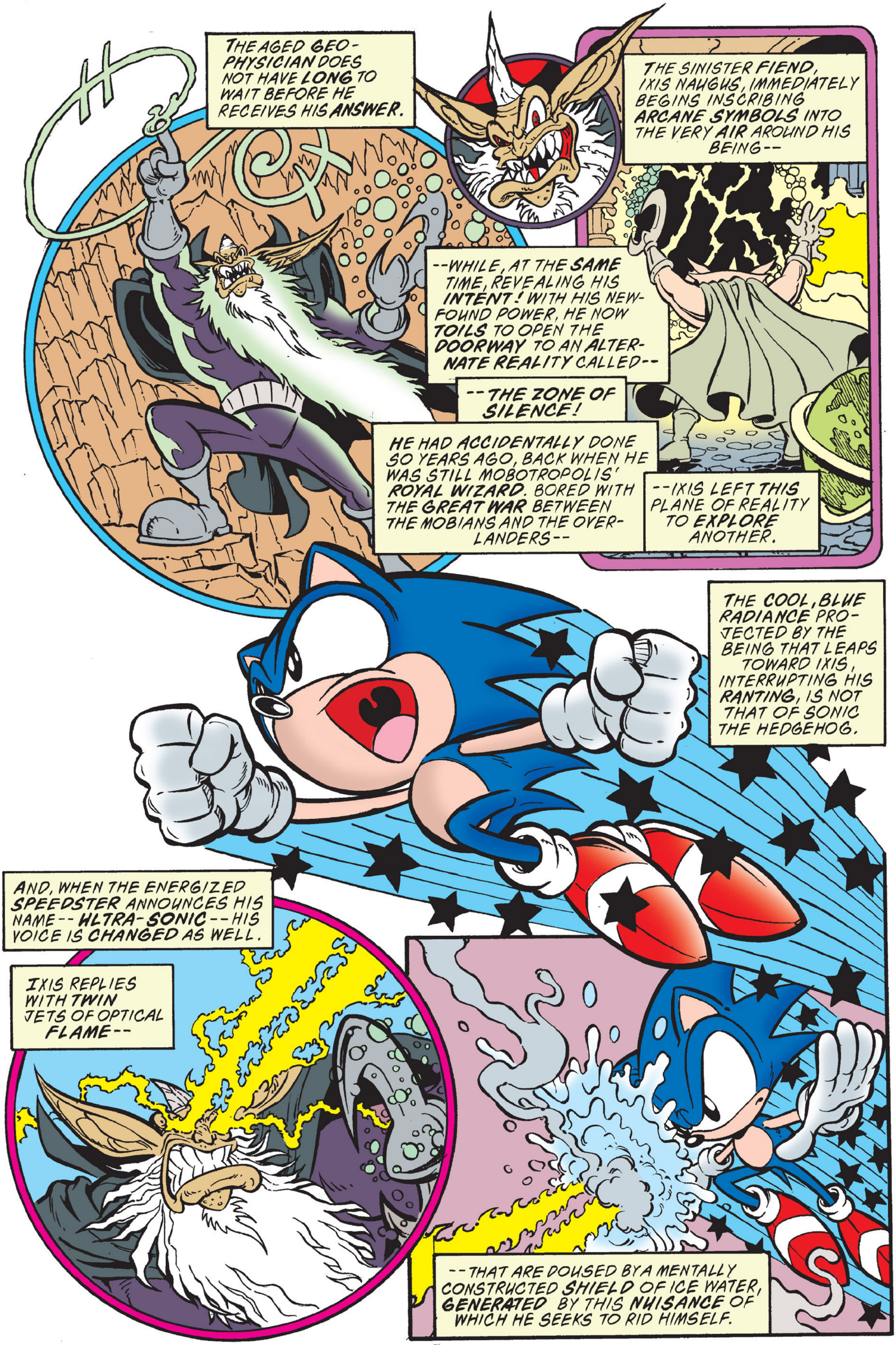

I *FORGED* THEM MYSELF ...EACH A *NEAR-LIMITLESS* POWER SOURCE.
WAY PAST COOL...
RAARGH!
THEN *AGAIN*...
YO! WHAT'S *UP* WITH THAT? ME AND *TAILS*'RE THE *GOOD GUYS*, REMEMBER?
I *BELIEVE*, SONIC, THAT *EDDY* WAS ONLY TRYING TO *INFORM* YOU...
...THAT I *WON'T* HAVE THE RINGS' POWER *EXPLOITED* BY *OUTSIDERS* LIKE THE SORCEROUS *IXIS NAUGUS* WHO ATTACKED THIS FORTRESS--MY *HOME*--EARLIER!*
EXPLOITED?!
OUTSIDERS?!
*LAST TWO ISSUES -- ED.
ALL WE'RE SAYING IS... POWER RINGS ARE SO *RARE* ...JUST THINK OF ALL THE *GOOD* YOU COULD DO WITH *THESE*!
YOU COULD *EVEN* MOVE BACK TO *MOBO-TROPOLIS* AND HELP US--

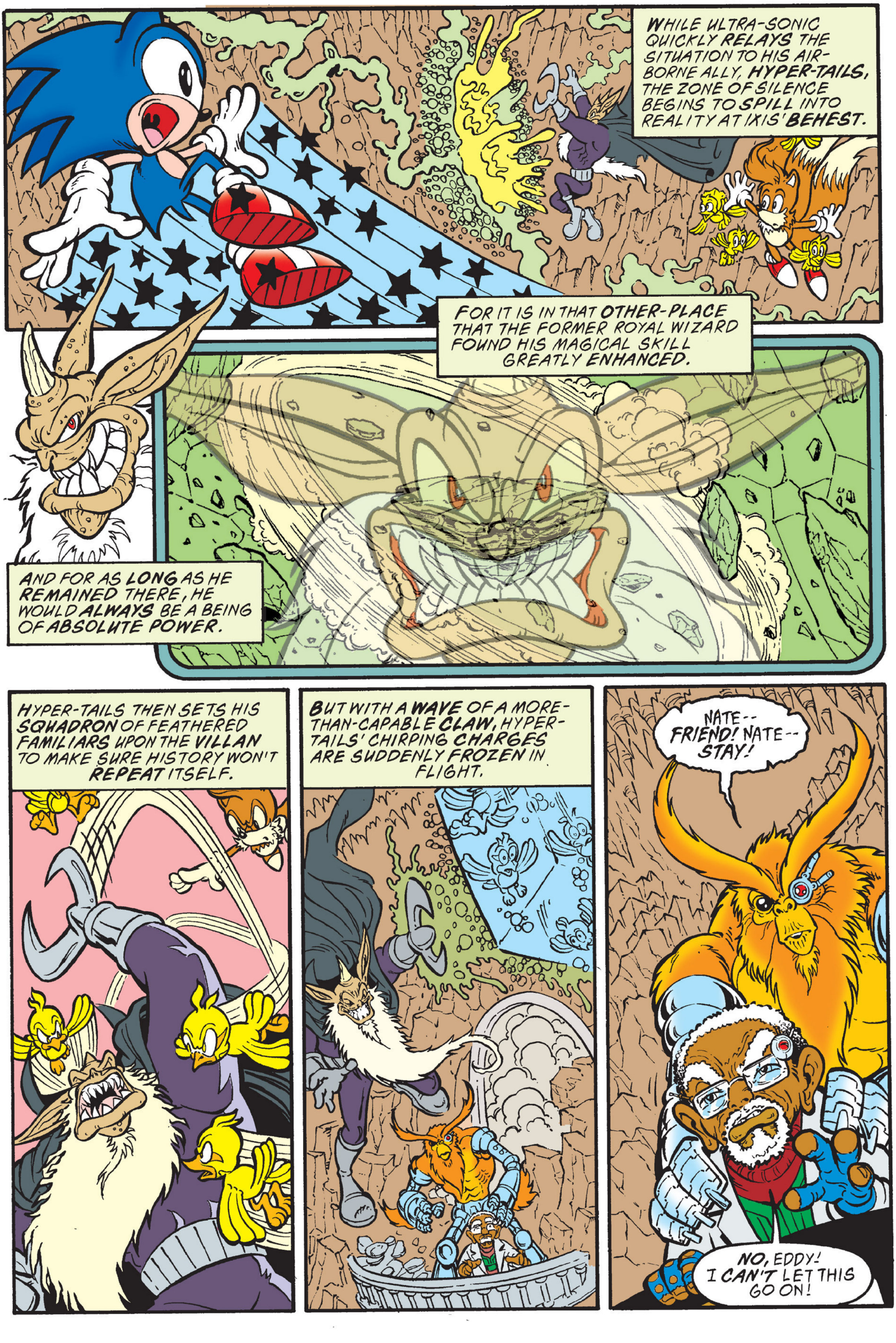

NATE-- FRIEND! NATE-- STAY!
HE CAN TALK?
A LITTLE BIT IN OUR LANGUAGE...
...AND A LOT IN HIS OWN!
DON'T YOU FRET, EDDY! I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
MY DAYS AS A LOYAL CITIZEN OF MOBOTROPOLIS WERE OVER LONG AGO!
OH, THAT'S GREAT! JUST GREAT!
LISTENIN' TO YOUR STORY* MADE ME THINK YOU WERE A HERO! IT EVEN GAVE ME HOPE FOR OVERLANDERS**!
BUT NOW, I SEE YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE-- SOMEONE WHO WAS ONCE A HERO, BUT NOW CHOOSES TO HIDE HIMSELF AWAY BECAUSE OF A FEW BAD BREAKS!
*Last ish.
**Humans-ED.
WHY CAN'T YOU BE A HERO AGAIN, NATE?
BECAUSE IT NEVER WORKS.
RUMMMMBBBLLLL!
WHOAH!

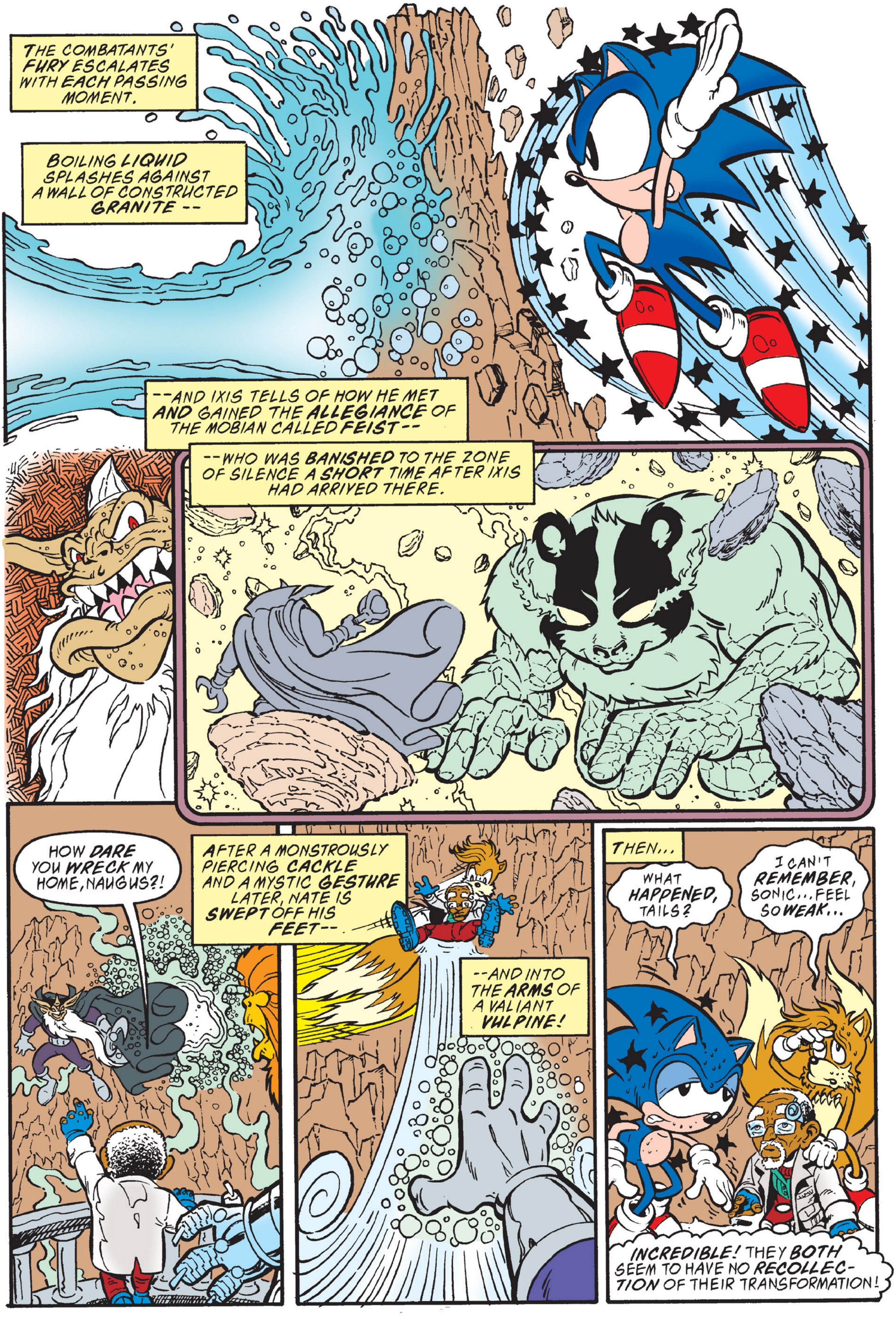

LOOK, SONIC! THE WALL OF THE CAVE-- IT'S CHANGING!
I SEE IT, TAILS! IT'S TAKING ON A SICKENINGLY FAMILIAR SHAPE! IT'S--
"--IXIS NAUGHS!"
GREETINGS ONCE MORE, QUICKSTER! I'VE USED MY ELEMENTAL MASTERY OF THE EARTH TO INFILTRATE NATE MORGAN'S SO-CALLED FORTRESS AND FINALLY FIND HIS POWER-RING STOREHOUSE...
...AND NOW IT ONLY REMAINS FOR ME TO USE THAT SELF-SAME POWER TO ELIMINATE ALL OF YOU!
KER-RAKT
EDDY--WE'VE BEEN CUT OFF FROM SONIC AND TAILS!
WAIT, EDDY! PUT ME DOWN!
THE CEILING HAS COLLAPSED!
NATE--FRIEND! NATE--STAY!
I CAN'T, EDDY! THEY'RE BURIED!

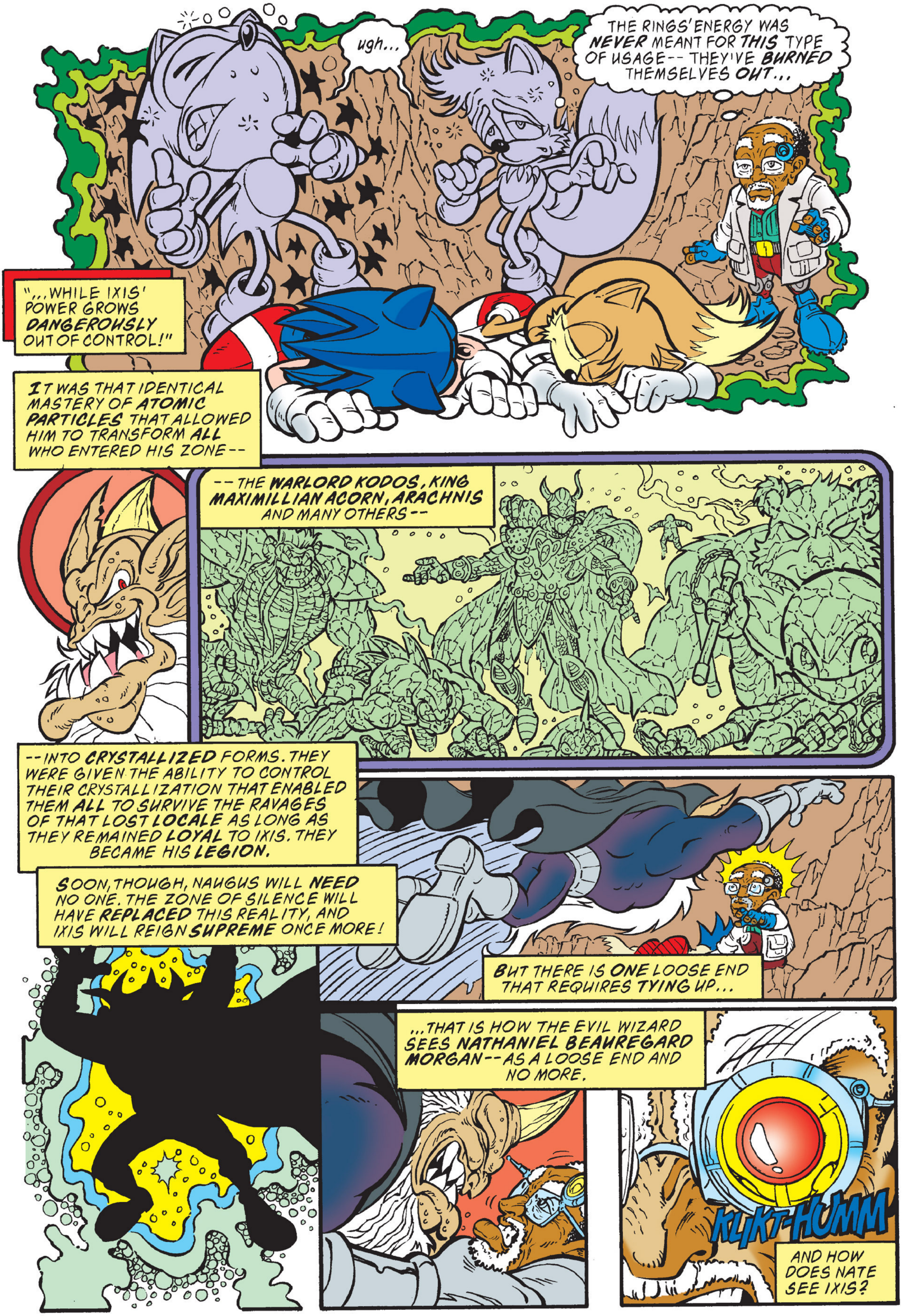

"HOLD ON! I SEE SOME *MOVEMENT*...
"UH-OH! WE'D BETTER *MOVE* OUT OF THE *WAY*, EDDY..."
RUMMMMBBBLLL
KATHOOM
...IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME *TROUBLE*!

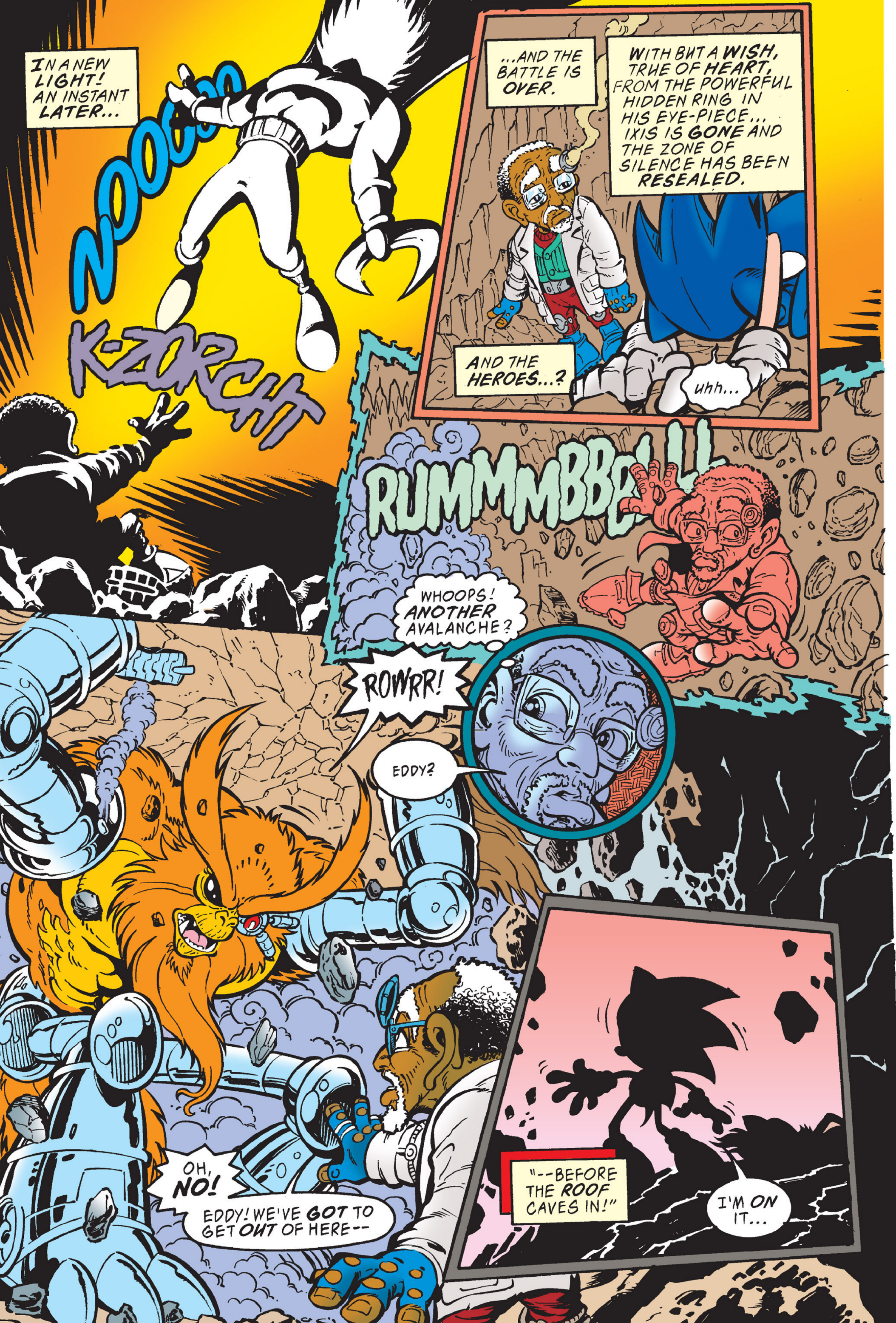

NATE MORGAN IS NOT ONE FOR **UNDERSTATEMENT**, BUT EVEN **HE** COULD NOT HAVE PREDICTED **THIS** TURN OF EVENTS!
THE POWER RINGS ARE **NO MORE**--
--ALL HAVE BEEN **ABSORBED** INTO THE THREE **TRANSFORMED** FIGURES BEFORE HIM!
BUT JUST HOW **MANY** RINGS HAVE EACH OF THEM USED TO **BOLSTER** THEIR OWN UNIQUE **ABILITIES**?
FIFTY?
ONE HUNDRED?
A THOUSAND?
AND MORE **IMPORTANTLY**, WHAT WILL THE **CONSEQUENCES** OF SUCH ACTIONS ULTIMATELY BE?

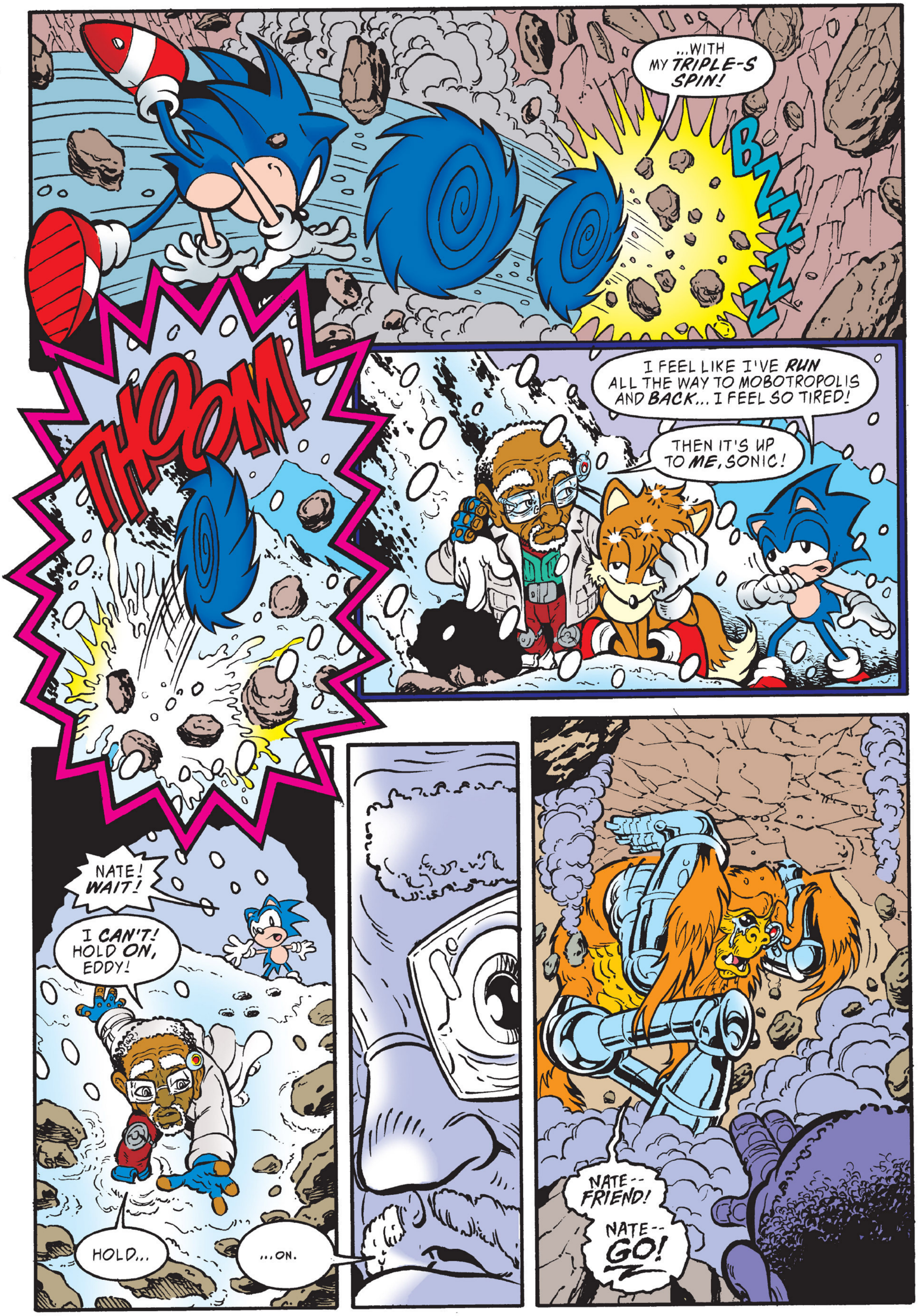

THE AGED GEO-PHYSICIAN DOES NOT HAVE LONG TO WAIT BEFORE HE RECEIVES HIS ANSWER.
THE SINISTER FIEND, IXIS NAUGUS, IMMEDIATELY BEGINS INSCRIBING ARCANE SYMBOLS INTO THE VERY AIR AROUND HIS BEING--
--WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, REVEALING HIS INTENT! WITH HIS NEW-FOUND POWER, HE NOW TOILS TO OPEN THE DOORWAY TO AN ALTERNATE REALITY CALLED--
--THE ZONE OF SILENCE!
HE HAD ACCIDENTALLY DONE SO YEARS AGO, BACK WHEN HE WAS STILL MOBOTROPOLIS' ROYAL WIZARD. BORED WITH THE GREAT WAR BETWEEN THE MOBIANS AND THE OVERLANDERS--
--IXIS LEFT THIS PLANE OF REALITY TO EXPLORE ANOTHER.
THE COOL, BLUE RADIANCE PROJECTED BY THE BEING THAT LEAPS TOWARD IXIS, INTERRUPTING HIS RANTING, IS NOT THAT OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.
AND, WHEN THE ENERGIZED SPEEDSTER ANNOUNCES HIS NAME--ULTRA-SONIC--HIS VOICE IS CHANGED AS WELL.
IXIS REPLIES WITH TWIN JETS OF OPTICAL FLAME--
--THAT ARE DOUSED BY A MENTALLY CONSTRUCTED SHIELD OF ICE WATER, GENERATED BY THIS NUISANCE OF WHICH HE SEEKS TO RID HIMSELF.

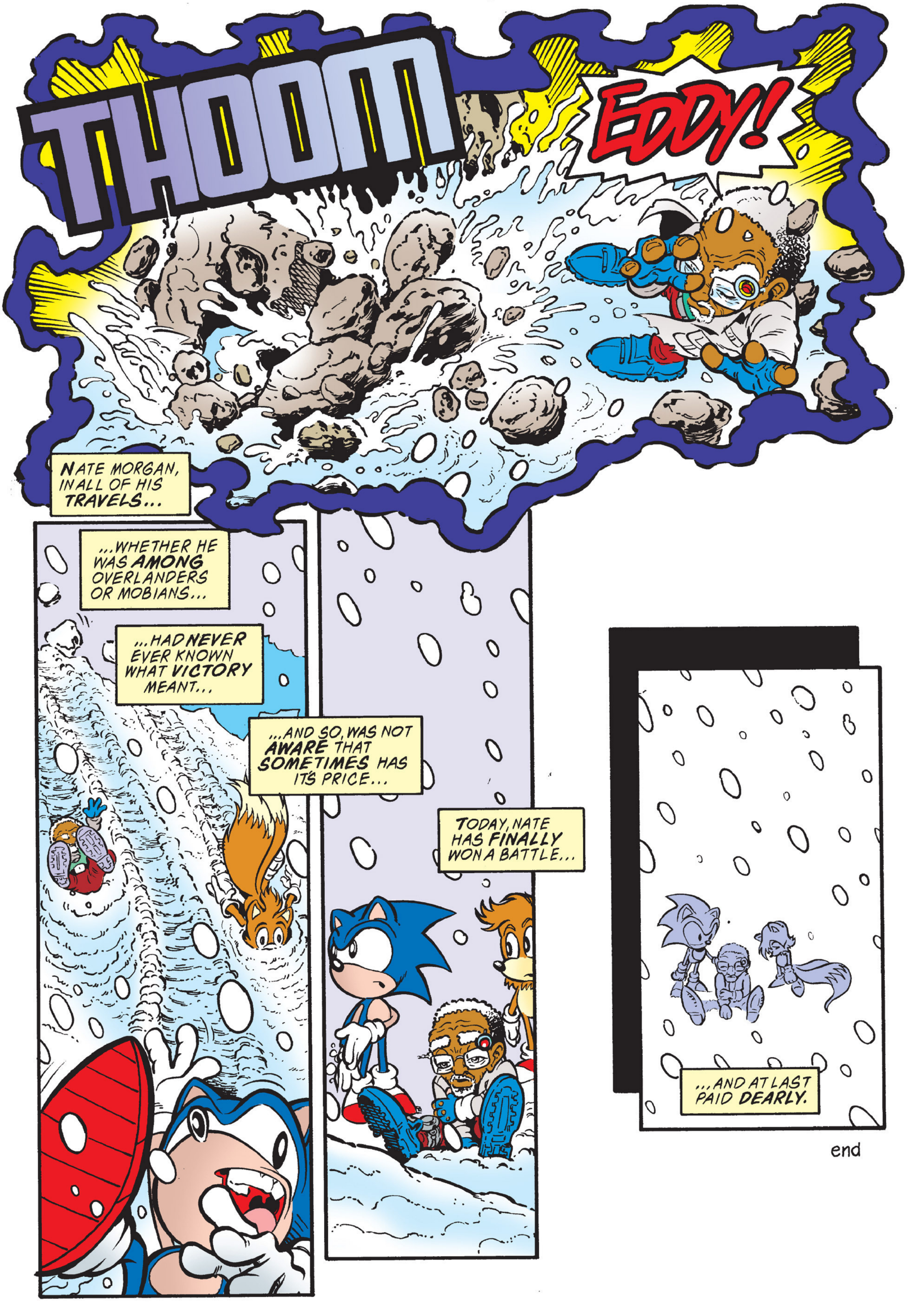

WHILE ULTRA-SONIC QUICKLY RELAYS THE SITUATION TO HIS AIR-BORNE ALLY, HYPER-TAILS, THE ZONE OF SILENCE BEGINS TO SPILL INTO REALITY AT IXIS' BEHEST.
FOR IT IS IN THAT OTHER-PLACE THAT THE FORMER ROYAL WIZARD FOUND HIS MAGICAL SKILL GREATLY ENHANCED.
AND FOR AS LONG AS HE REMAINED THERE, HE WOULD ALWAYS BE A BEING OF ABSOLUTE POWER.
HYPER-TAILS THEN SETS HIS SQUADRON OF FEATHERED FAMILIARS UPON THE VILLAN TO MAKE SURE HISTORY WON'T REPEAT ITSELF.
BUT WITH A WAVE OF A MORE-THAN-CAPABLE CLAW, HYPER-TAILS' CHIRPING CHARGES ARE SUDDENLY FROZEN IN FLIGHT.
NATE-- FRIEND! NATE-- STAY!
NO, EDDY! I CAN'T LET THIS GO ON!


THE COMBATANTS' FURY ESCALATES WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT.
BOILING LIQUID SPLASHES AGAINST A WALL OF CONSTRUCTED GRANITE --
--AND IXIS TELLS OF HOW HE MET AND GAINED THE ALLEGIANCE OF THE MOBIAN CALLED FEIST--
--WHO WAS BANISHED TO THE ZONE OF SILENCE A SHORT TIME AFTER IXIS HAD ARRIVED THERE.
HOW DARE YOU WRECK MY HOME, NAUGUS?!
AFTER A MONSTROUSLY PIERCING CACKLE AND A MYSTIC GESTURE LATER, NATE IS SWEPT OFF HIS FEET--
--AND INTO THE ARMS OF A VALIANT VULPINE!
THEN...
WHAT HAPPENED, TAILS?
I CAN'T REMEMBER, SONIC... FEEL SO WEAK...
INCREDIBLE! THEY BOTH SEEM TO HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF THEIR TRANSFORMATION!


ugh...
THE RINGS' ENERGY WAS **NEVER** MEANT FOR **THIS** TYPE OF USAGE-- THEY'VE **BURNED** THEMSELVES **OUT**...
"...WHILE IXIS' POWER GROWS **DANGEROUSLY** OUT OF CONTROL!"
IT WAS THAT IDENTICAL MASTERY OF **ATOMIC PARTICLES** THAT ALLOWED HIM TO TRANSFORM **ALL** WHO ENTERED HIS ZONE--
--THE **WARLORD KODOS, KING MAXIMILLIAN ACORN, ARACHNIS** AND MANY OTHERS--
--INTO **CRYSTALLIZED** FORMS. THEY WERE GIVEN THE ABILITY TO CONTROL THEIR CRYSTALLIZATION THAT ENABLED THEM **ALL** TO SURVIVE THE RAVAGES OF THAT LOST **LOCALE** AS LONG AS THEY REMAINED **LOYAL** TO IXIS. THEY BECAME HIS **LEGION.**
SOON, THOUGH, NAUGUS WILL **NEED** NO ONE. THE ZONE OF SILENCE WILL HAVE **REPLACED** THIS REALITY, AND IXIS WILL REIGN **SUPREME** ONCE MORE!
BUT THERE IS **ONE** LOOSE END THAT REQUIRES **TYING UP**...
...THAT IS HOW THE EVIL WIZARD SEES **NATHANIEL BEAUREGARD MORGAN**--AS A LOOSE END AND NO MORE.
KLIKT-HUMM
AND HOW DOES NATE SEE IXIS?


IN A NEW LIGHT! AN INSTANT LATER...
NOOOOOO
K-ZORCHT
...AND THE BATTLE IS OVER.
WITH BUT A WISH, TRUE OF HEART, FROM THE POWERFUL HIDDEN RING IN HIS EYE-PIECE... IXIS IS GONE AND THE ZONE OF SILENCE HAS BEEN RESEALED.
AND THE HEROES...?
uhh...
RUMMMMBBLL!!
WHOOPS! ANOTHER AVALANCHE?
ROWRR!
EDDY?
OH, NO!
EDDY! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE--
"--BEFORE THE ROOF CAVES IN!"
I'M ON IT...


...WITH MY *TRIPLE-S SPIN!*
BZZZZ
THOOM
I FEEL LIKE I'VE *RUN* ALL THE WAY TO MOBOTROPOLIS AND *BACK*... I FEEL SO TIRED!
THEN IT'S UP TO *ME*, SONIC!
NATE! *WAIT!*
I *CAN'T!* HOLD *ON*, EDDY!
HOLD...
...ON.
NATE-- *FRIEND!*
NATE-- *GO!*


THOOM
EDDY!
NATE MORGAN, IN ALL OF HIS TRAVELS...
...WHETHER HE WAS AMONG OVERLANDERS OR MOBIANS...
...HAD NEVER EVER KNOWN WHAT VICTORY MEANT...
...AND SO, WAS NOT AWARE THAT SOMETIMES HAS IT'S PRICE...
TODAY, NATE HAS FINALLY WON A BATTLE...
...AND AT LAST PAID DEARLY.

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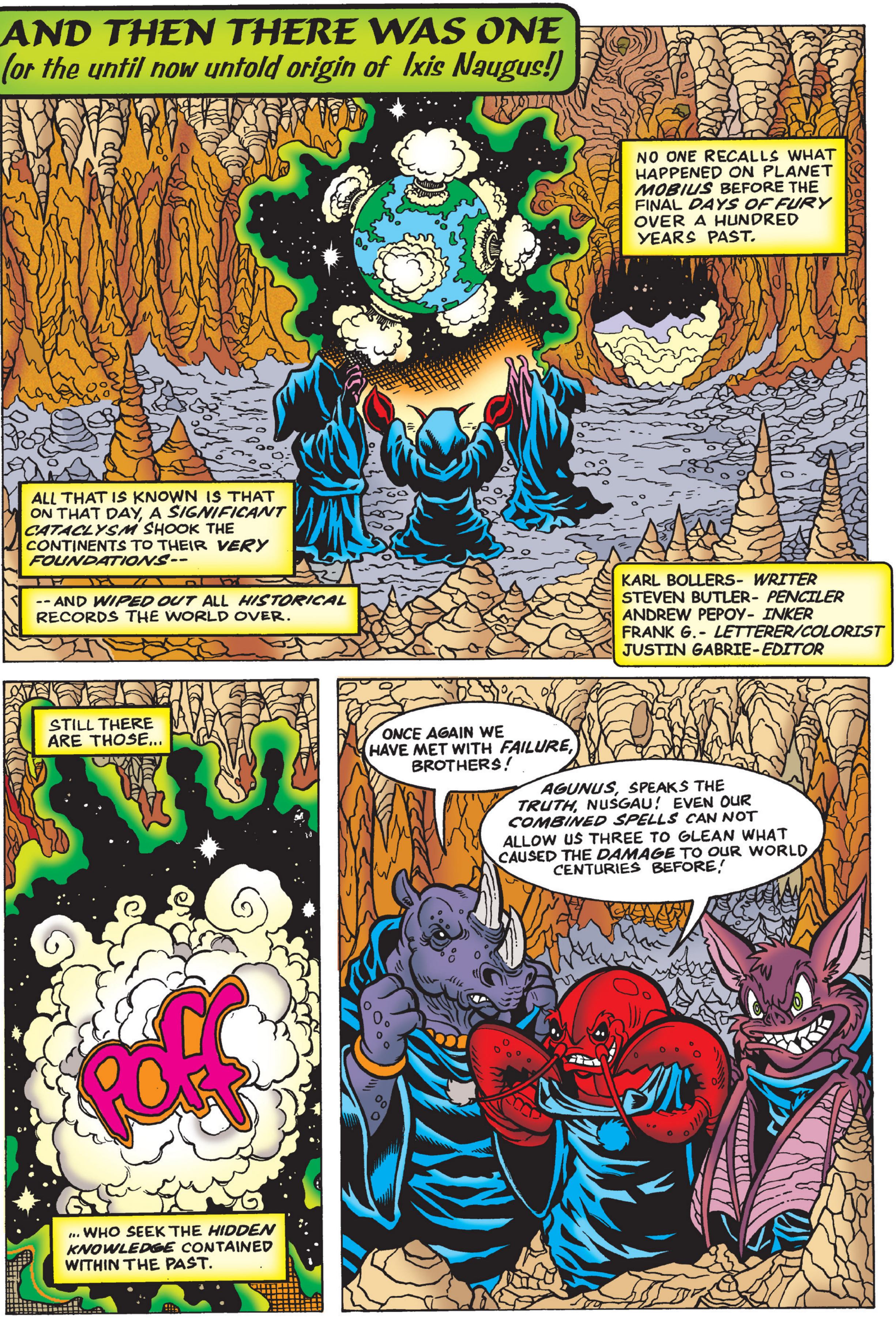
AND THEN THERE WAS ONE
(or the until now untold origin of Ixis Naugus!)


NO ONE RECALLS WHAT HAPPENED ON PLANET *MOBIUS* BEFORE THE FINAL *DAYS OF FURY* OVER A HUNDRED YEARS PAST.
ALL THAT IS KNOWN IS THAT ON THAT DAY, A *SIGNIFICANT CATACLYSM* SHOOK THE CONTINENTS TO THEIR *VERY FOUNDATIONS*--
--AND *WIPED OUT* ALL *HISTORICAL* RECORDS THE WORLD OVER.
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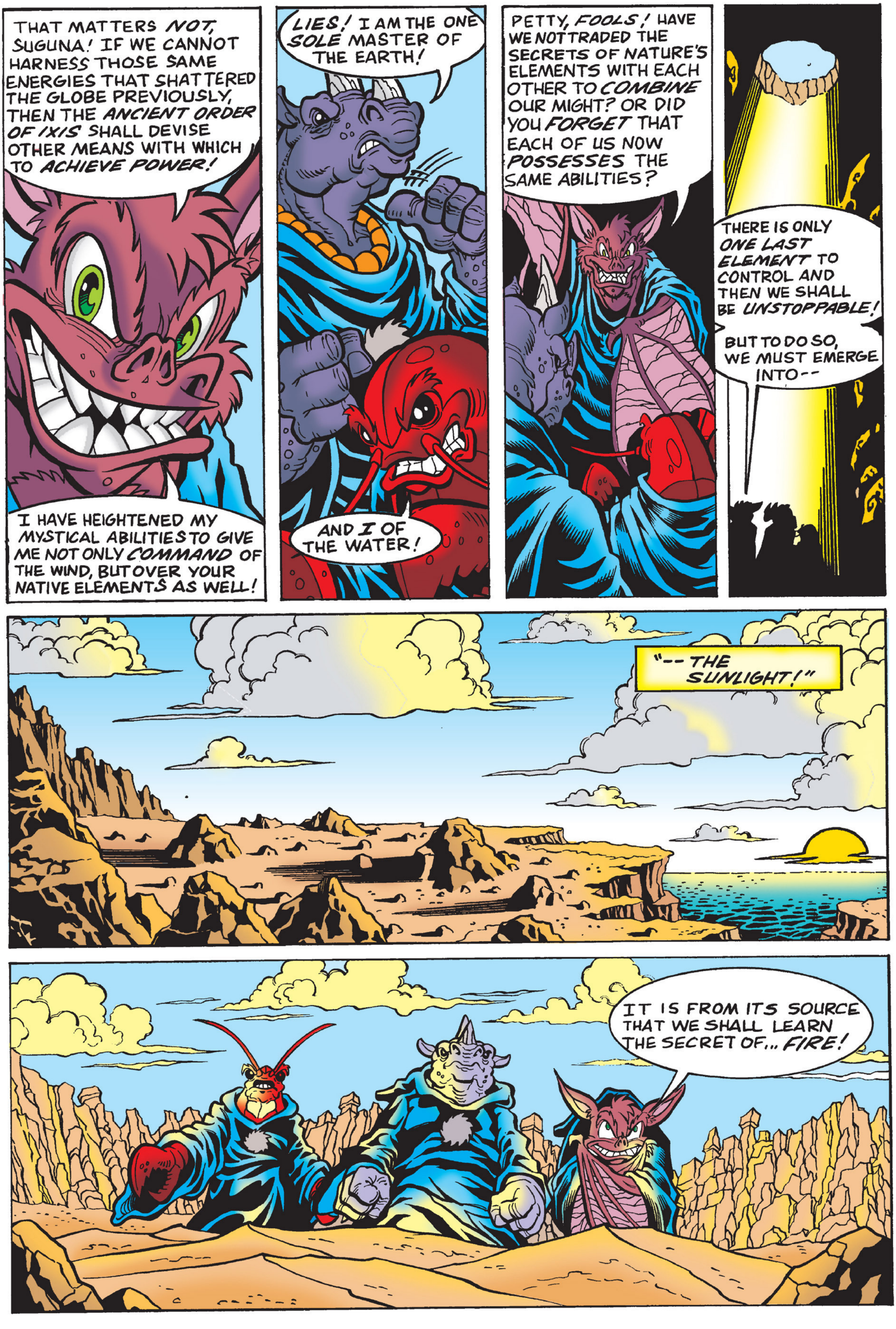
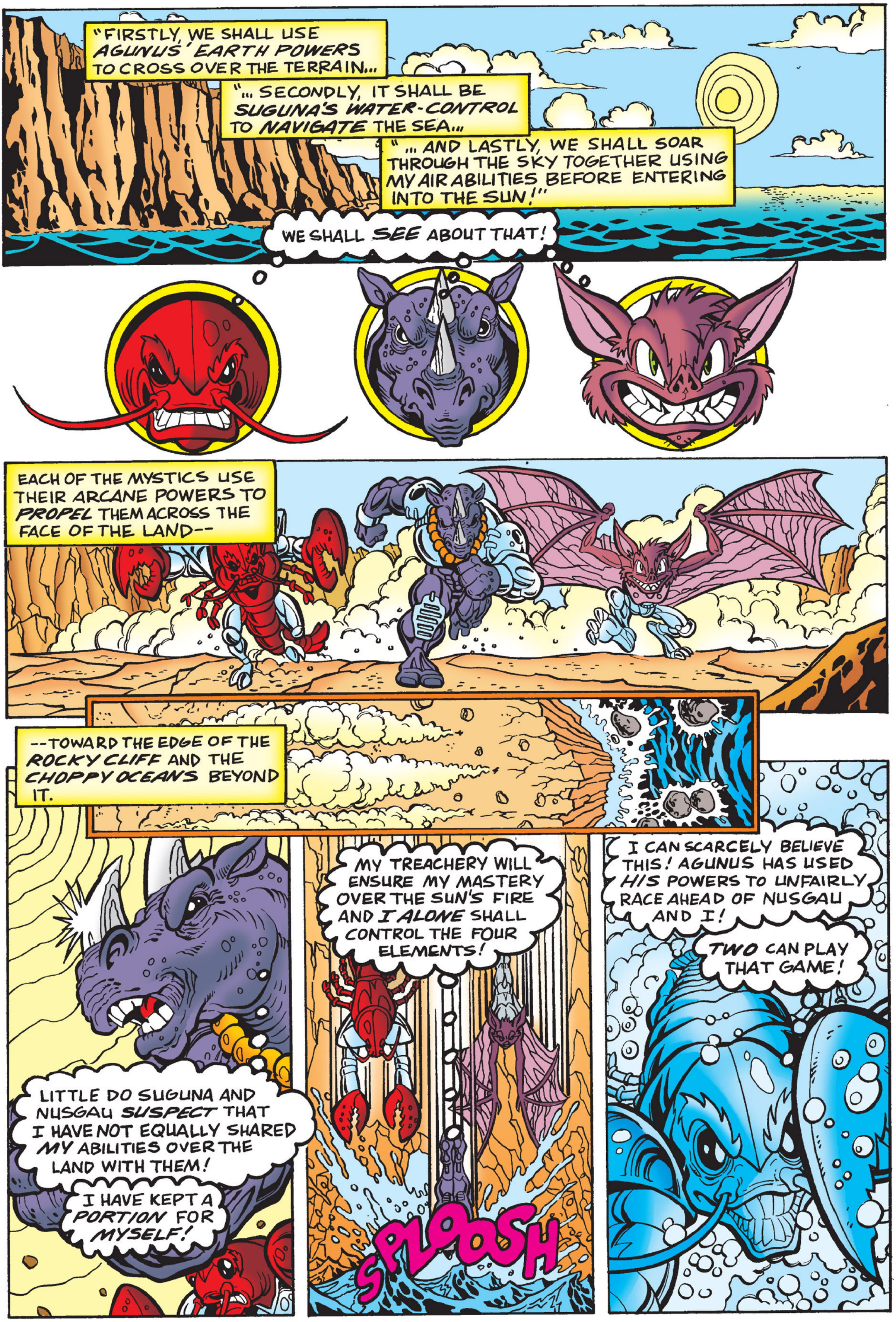
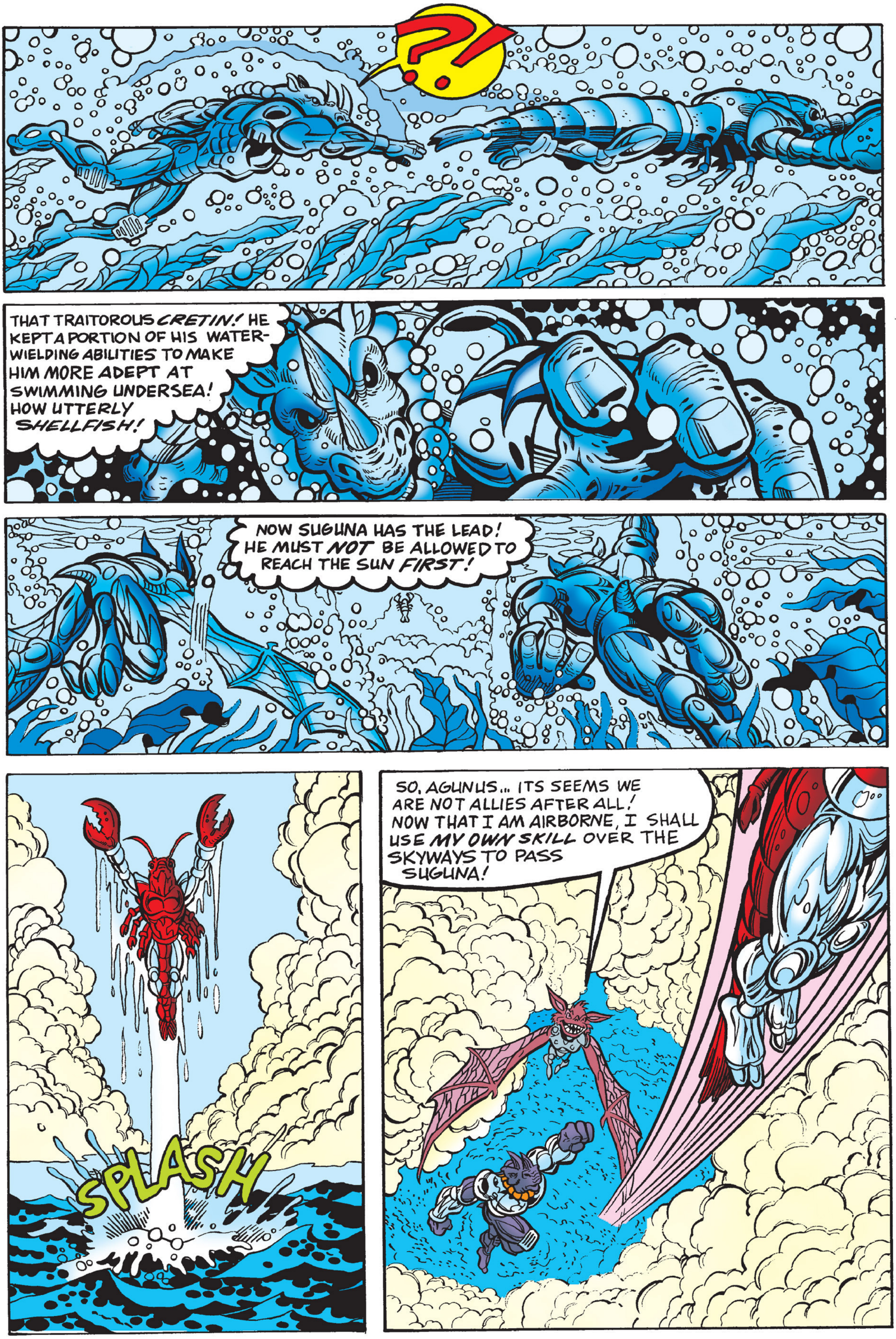
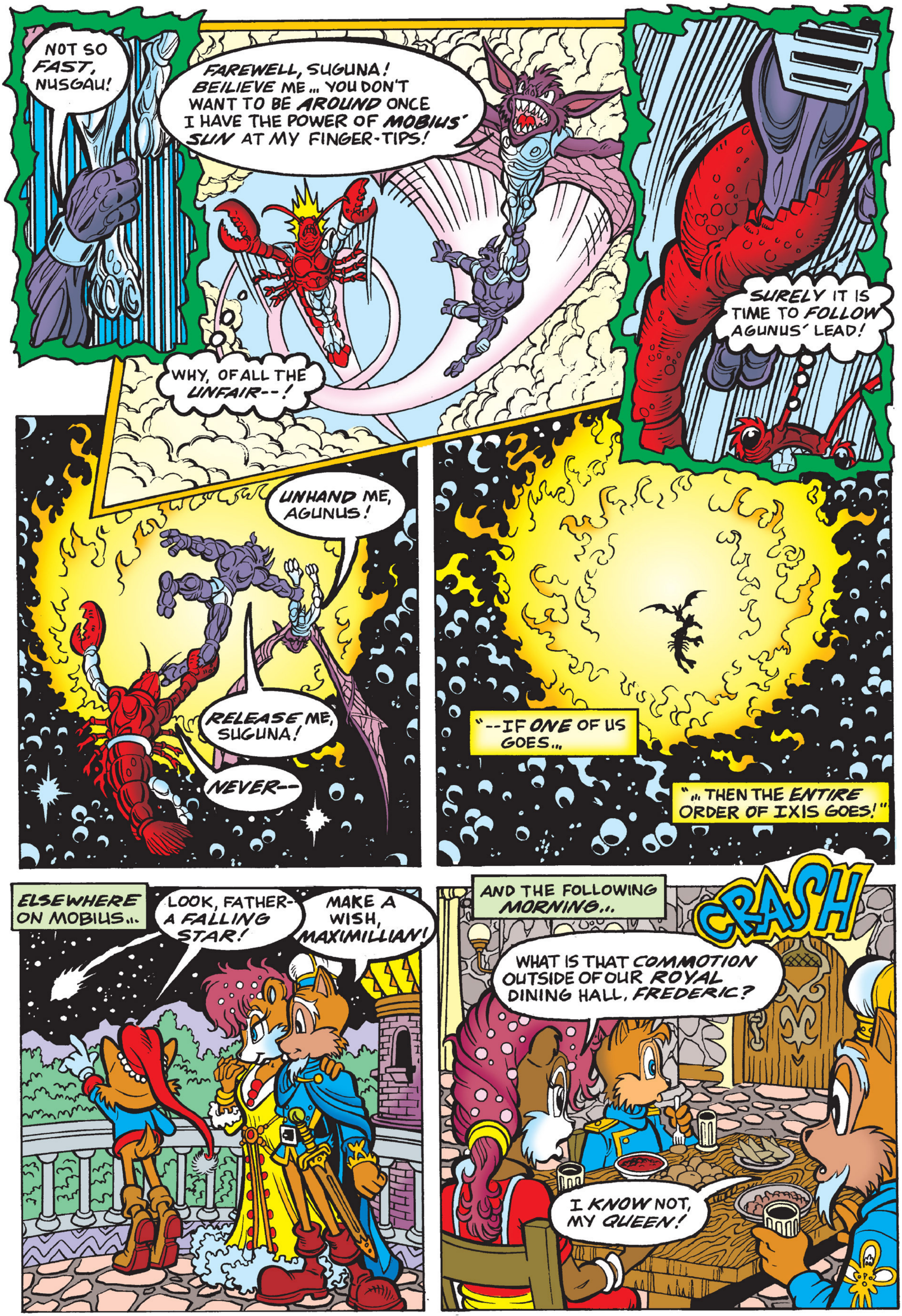
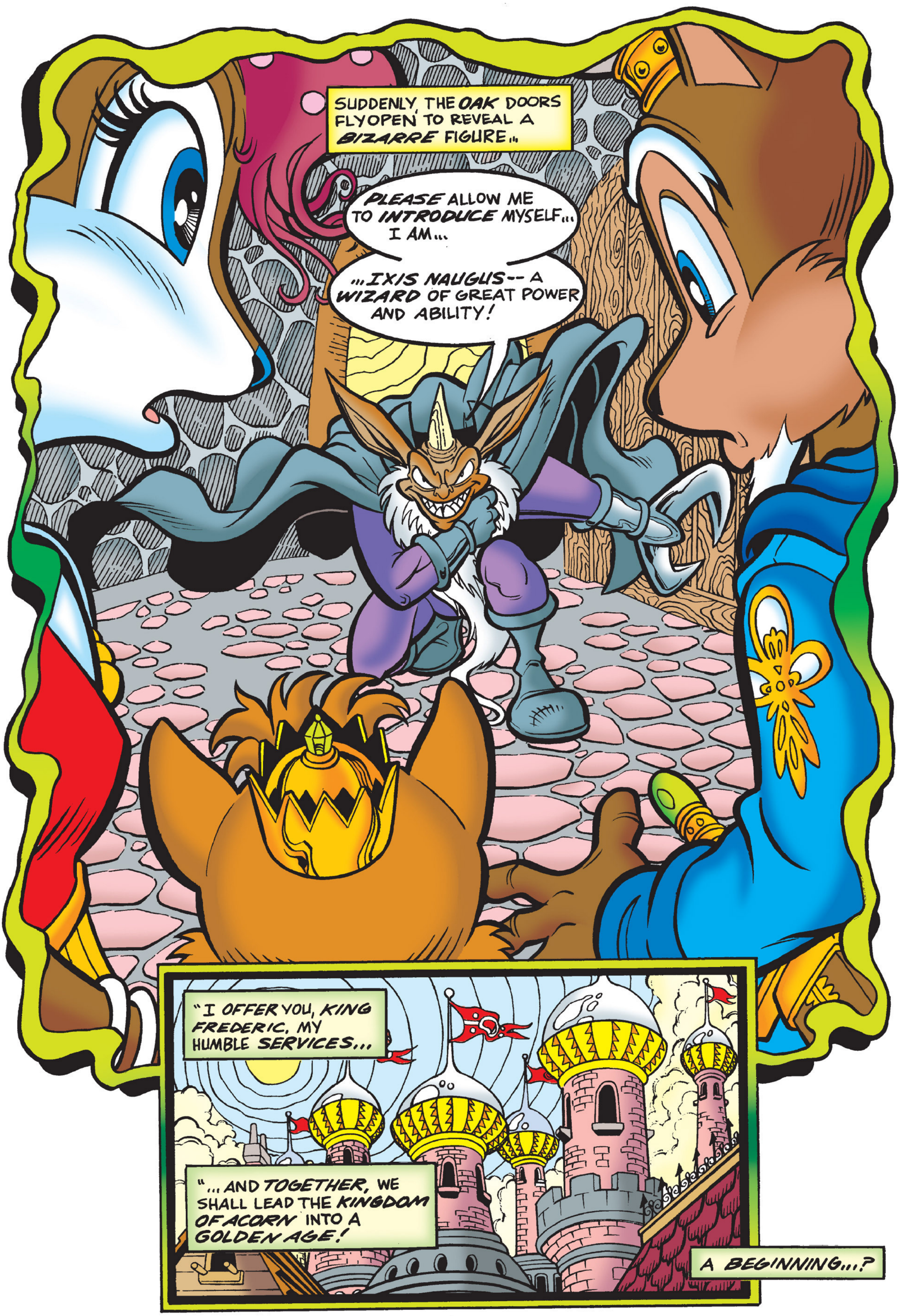
STILL THERE ARE THOSE...
POFF
...WHO SEEK THE *HIDDEN KNOWLEDGE* CONTAINED WITHIN THE PAST.
ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE MET WITH *FAILURE*, BROTHERS!
AGUNUS, SPEAKS THE *TRUTH*, NUSGAU! EVEN OUR *COMBINED SPELLS* CAN NOT ALLOW US THREE TO GLEAN WHAT CAUSED THE *DAMAGE* TO OUR WORLD CENTURIES BEFORE!

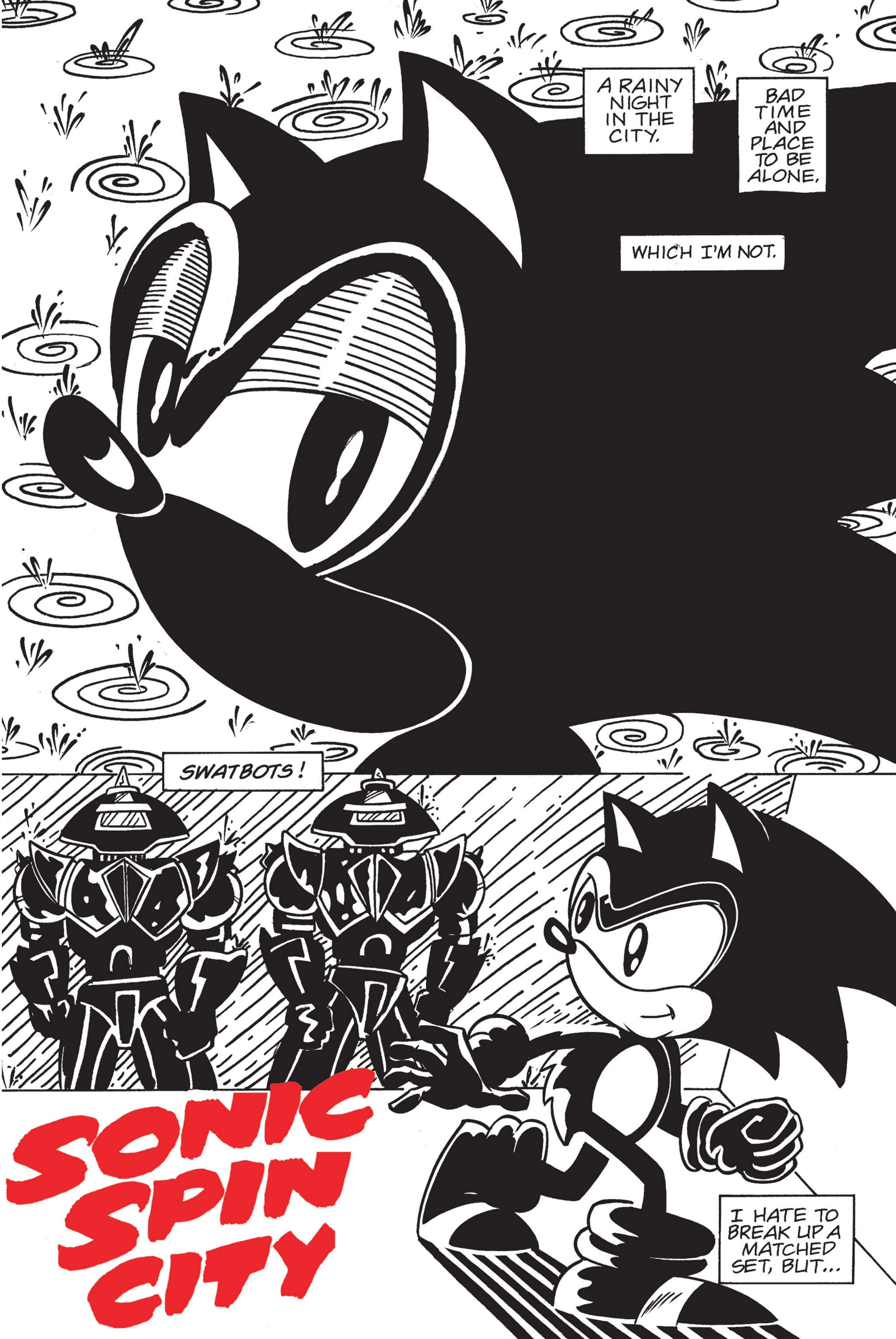

THAT MATTERS *NOT*, SUGUNA! IF WE CANNOT HARNESS THOSE SAME ENERGIES THAT SHATTERED THE GLOBE PREVIOUSLY, THEN THE *ANCIENT ORDER OF IXIS* SHALL DEVISE OTHER MEANS WITH WHICH TO *ACHIEVE POWER*!
I HAVE HEIGHTENED MY MYSTICAL ABILITIES TO GIVE ME NOT ONLY *COMMAND* OF THE WIND, BUT OVER YOUR NATIVE ELEMENTS AS WELL!
LIES! I AM THE ONE *SOLE* MASTER OF THE EARTH!
AND *I* OF THE WATER!
PETTY, *FOOLS!* HAVE WE NOT TRADED THE SECRETS OF NATURE'S ELEMENTS WITH EACH OTHER TO *COMBINE* OUR MIGHT? OR DID YOU *FORGET* THAT EACH OF US NOW *POSSESSES* THE SAME ABILITIES?
THERE IS ONLY *ONE LAST ELEMENT* TO CONTROL AND THEN WE SHALL BE *UNSTOPPABLE!*
BUT TO DO SO, WE MUST EMERGE INTO--
"--*THE SUNLIGHT!*"
IT IS FROM ITS SOURCE THAT WE SHALL LEARN THE SECRET OF... *FIRE!*

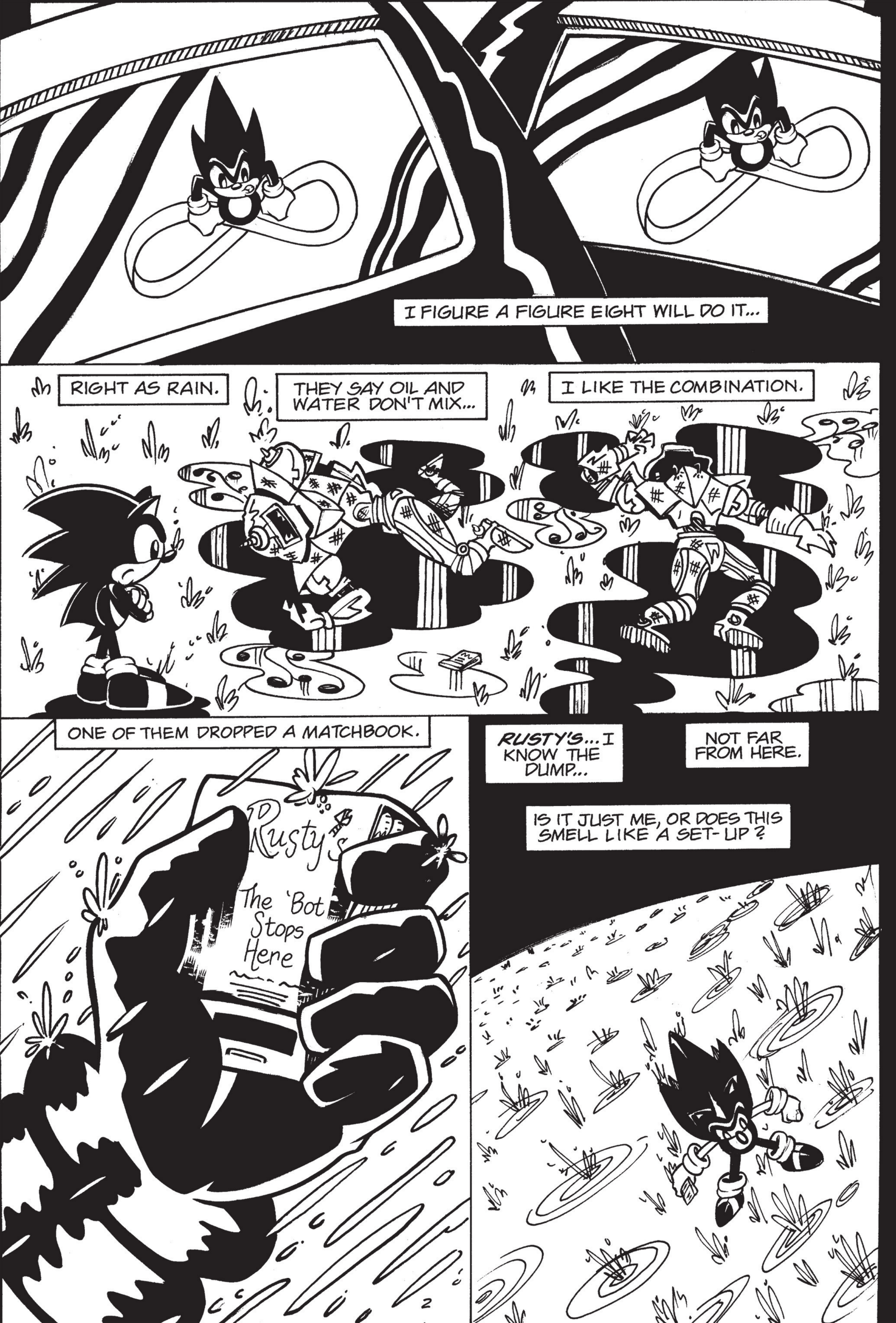

"FIRSTLY, WE SHALL USE *AGUNUS' EARTH POWERS* TO CROSS OVER THE TERRAIN...
"... SECONDLY, IT SHALL BE *SUGUNA'S WATER-CONTROL* TO *NAVIGATE* THE SEA...
"... AND LASTLY, WE SHALL SOAR THROUGH THE SKY TOGETHER USING MY AIR ABILITIES BEFORE ENTERING INTO THE SUN!"
WE SHALL *SEE* ABOUT THAT!
EACH OF THE MYSTICS USE THEIR ARCANE POWERS TO *PROPEL* THEM ACROSS THE FACE OF THE LAND--
--TOWARD THE EDGE OF THE *ROCKY CLIFF* AND THE *CHOPPY OCEANS* BEYOND IT.
LITTLE DO SUGUNA AND NUSGAU *SUSPECT* THAT I HAVE NOT EQUALLY SHARED *MY* ABILITIES OVER THE LAND WITH THEM!
I HAVE KEPT A *PORTION* FOR *MYSELF!*
MY TREACHERY WILL ENSURE MY MASTERY OVER THE SUN'S FIRE AND *I ALONE* SHALL CONTROL THE FOUR ELEMENTS!
SPLOOSH
I CAN SCARCELY BELIEVE THIS! AGUNUS HAS USED *HIS* POWERS TO UNFAIRLY RACE AHEAD OF NUSGAU AND I!
TWO CAN PLAY THAT GAME!

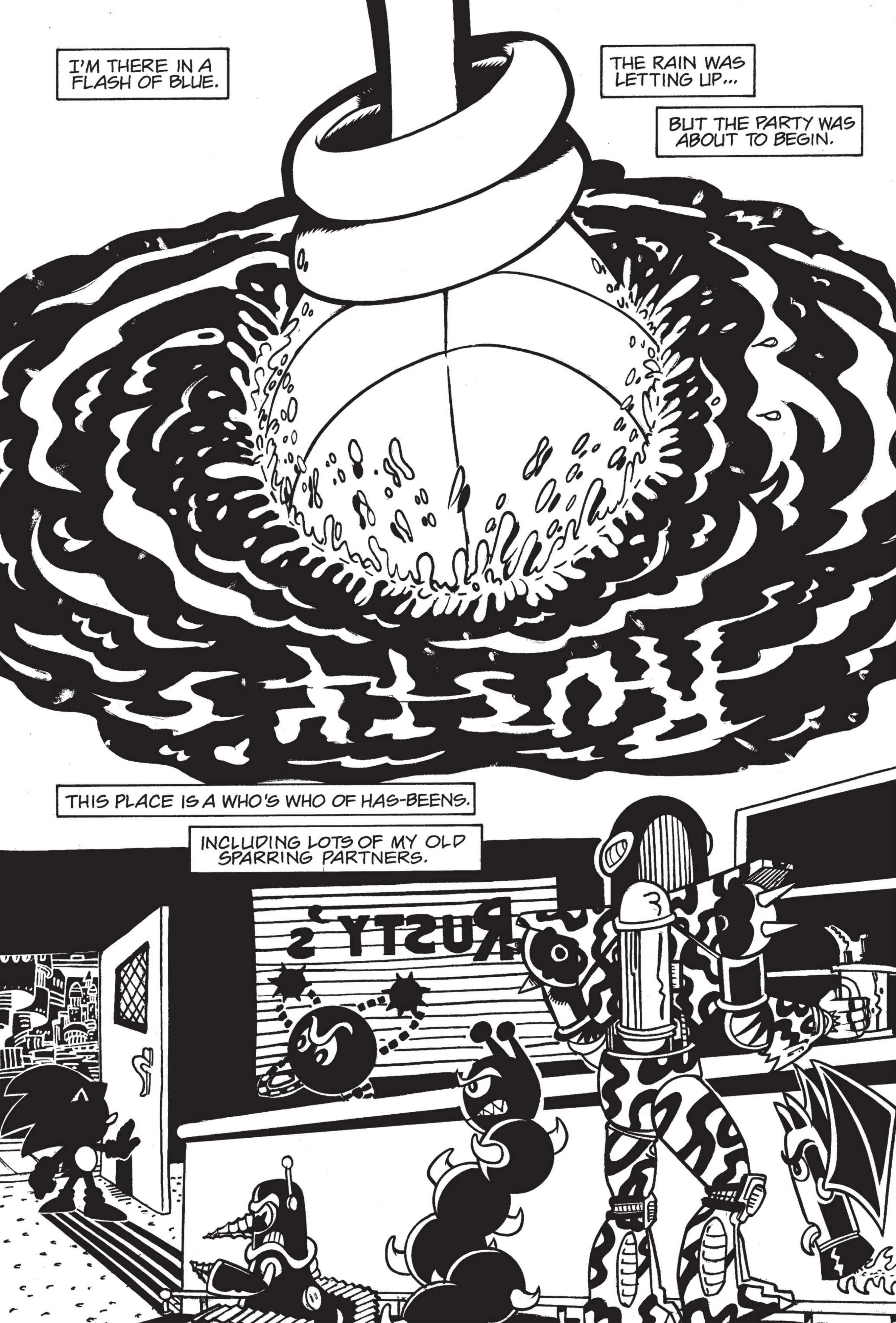

?!
THAT TRAITOROUS *CRETIN!* HE KEPT A PORTION OF HIS WATER-WIELDING ABILITIES TO MAKE HIM MORE ADEPT AT SWIMMING UNDERSEA! HOW UTTERLY *SHELLFISH!*
NOW SUGUNA HAS THE LEAD! HE MUST *NOT* BE ALLOWED TO REACH THE SUN *FIRST!*
SPLASH
SO, AGUNUS... ITS SEEMS WE ARE NOT ALLIES AFTER ALL! NOW THAT I AM AIRBORNE, I SHALL USE *MY OWN SKILL* OVER THE SKYWAYS TO PASS SUGUNA!

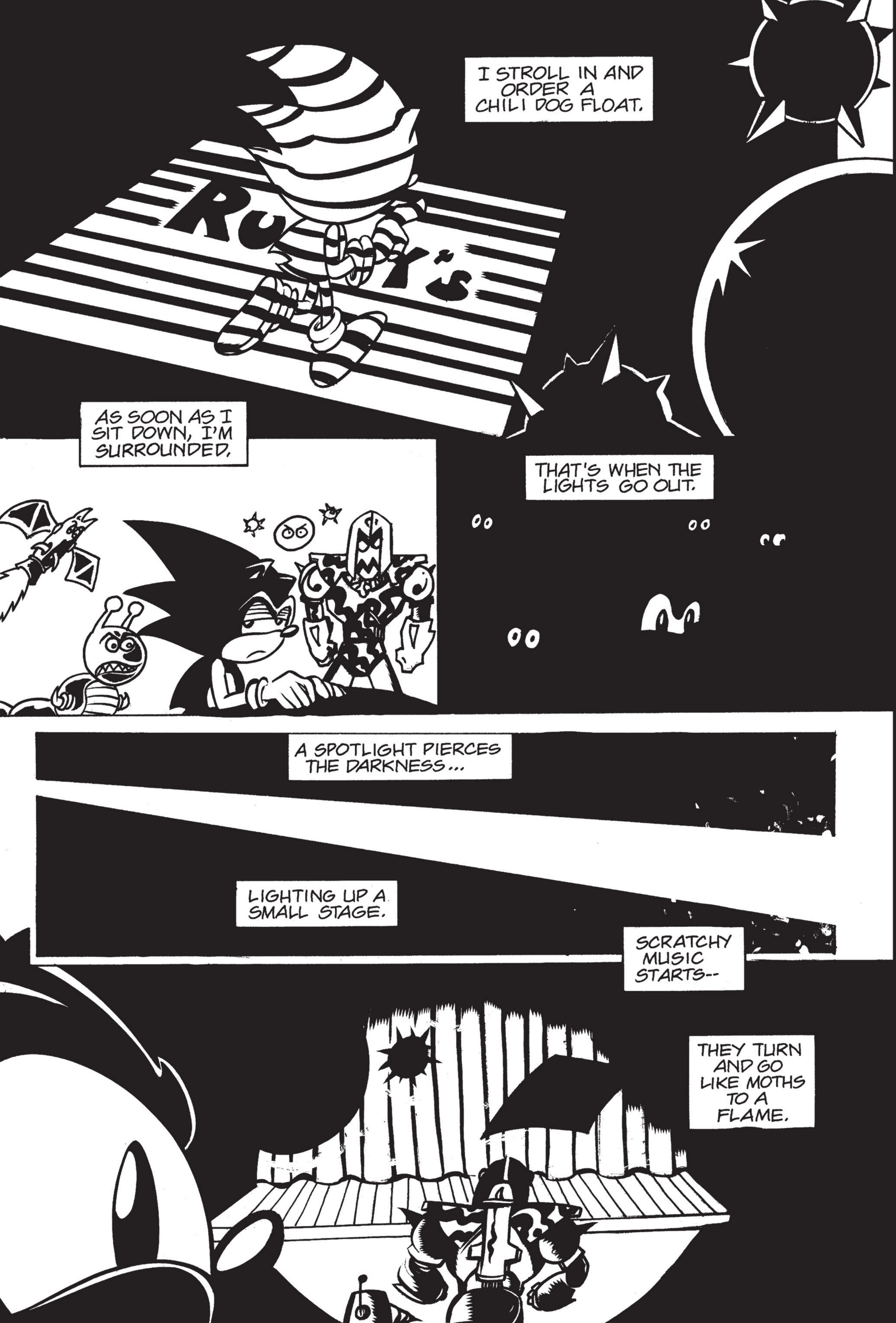

NOT SO FAST, NUSGAU!
FAREWELL, SUGUNA! BEILIEVE ME... YOU DON'T WANT TO BE AROUND ONCE I HAVE THE POWER OF MOBIUS' SUN AT MY FINGER-TIPS!
WHY, OF ALL THE UNFAIR--!
SURELY IT IS TIME TO FOLLOW AGUNUS' LEAD!
UNHAND ME, AGUNUS!
RELEASE ME, SUGUNA!
NEVER--
"--IF ONE OF US GOES...
"... THEN THE ENTIRE ORDER OF IXIS GOES!"
ELSEWHERE ON MOBIUS...
LOOK, FATHER- A FALLING STAR!
MAKE A WISH, MAXIMILLIAN!
AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
CRASH
WHAT IS THAT COMMOTION OUTSIDE OF OUR ROYAL DINING HALL, FREDERIC?
I KNOW NOT, MY QUEEN!

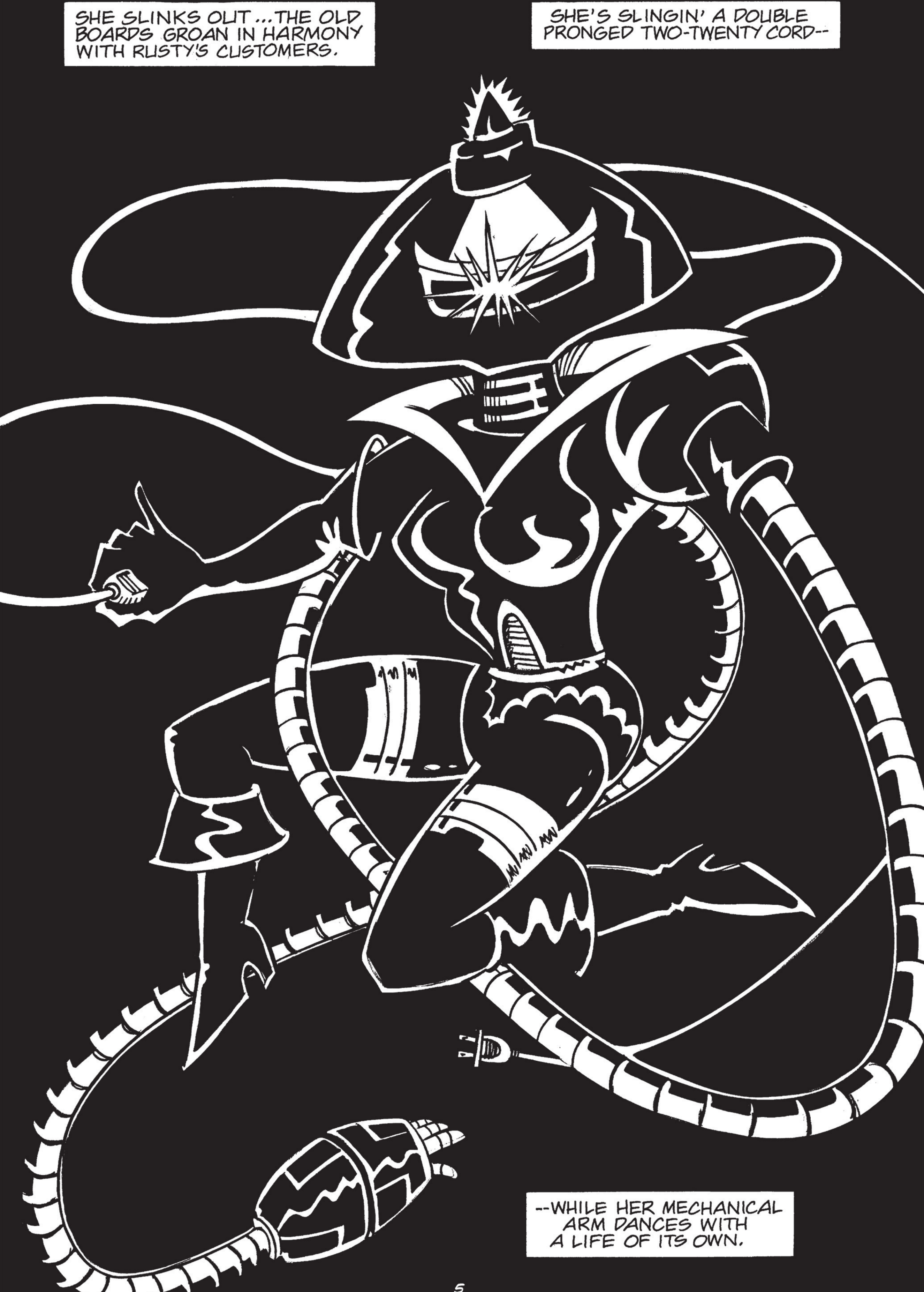

SUDDENLY, THE *OAK* DOORS FLY OPEN TO REVEAL A *BIZARRE* FIGURE...
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO *INTRODUCE* MYSELF... I AM...
...*IXIS NAUGUS*-- A *WIZARD* OF GREAT POWER AND ABILITY!
"*I OFFER* YOU, *KING FREDERIC*, MY HUMBLE *SERVICES*...
"... AND *TOGETHER*, WE SHALL LEAD THE *KINGDOM OF ACORN* INTO A *GOLDEN AGE*!
A BEGINNING...?

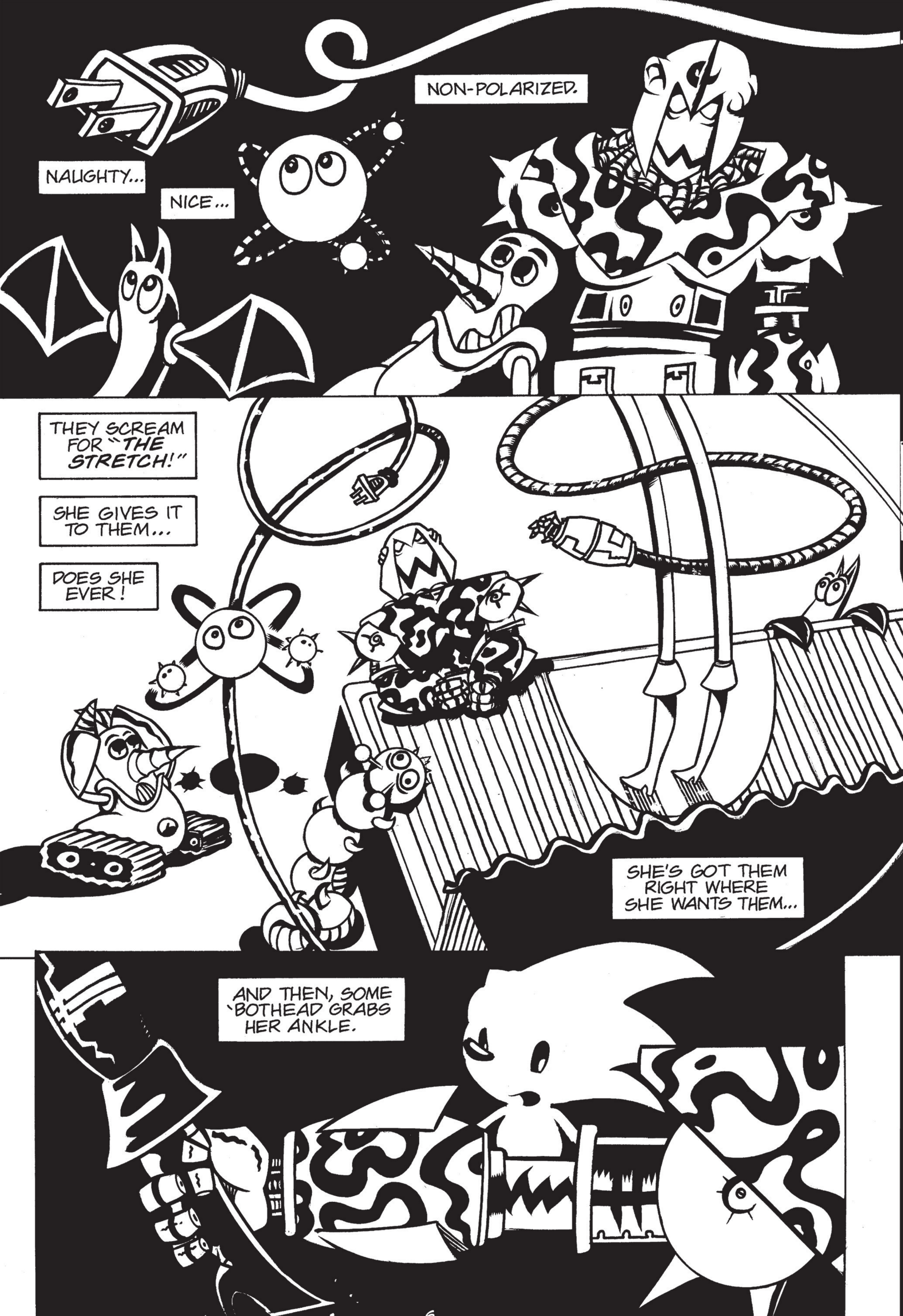

A RAINY NIGHT IN THE CITY.
BAD TIME AND PLACE TO BE ALONE.
WHICH I'M NOT.
SWATBOTS!
SONIC SPIN CITY
I HATE TO BREAK UP A MATCHED SET, BUT...

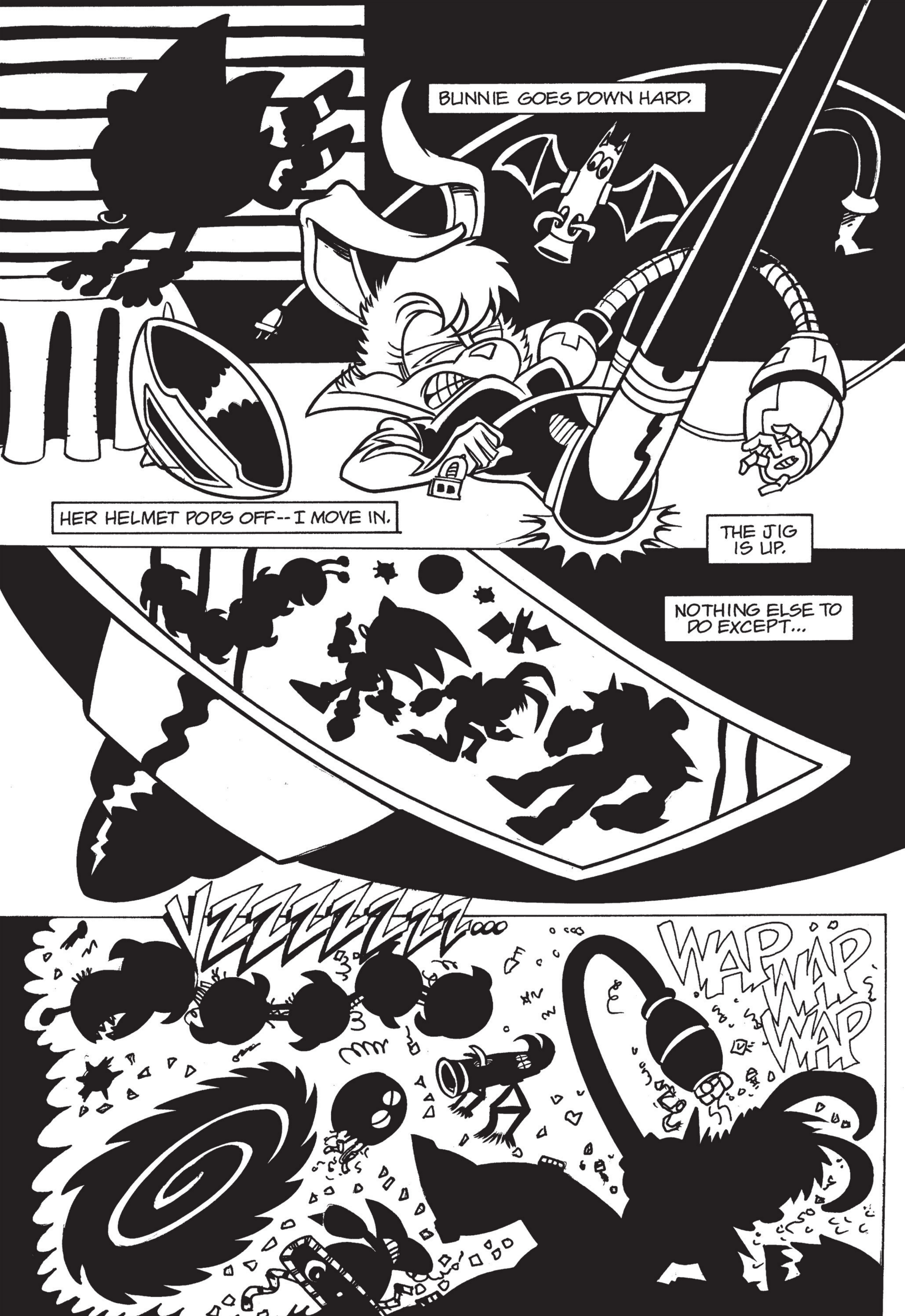

I FIGURE A FIGURE EIGHT WILL DO IT...
RIGHT AS RAIN.
THEY SAY OIL AND WATER DON'T MIX...
I LIKE THE COMBINATION.
ONE OF THEM DROPPED A MATCHBOOK.
Rusty's
The 'Bot Stops Here
RUSTY'S... I KNOW THE DUMP...
NOT FAR FROM HERE.
IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES THIS SMELL LIKE A SET-UP?

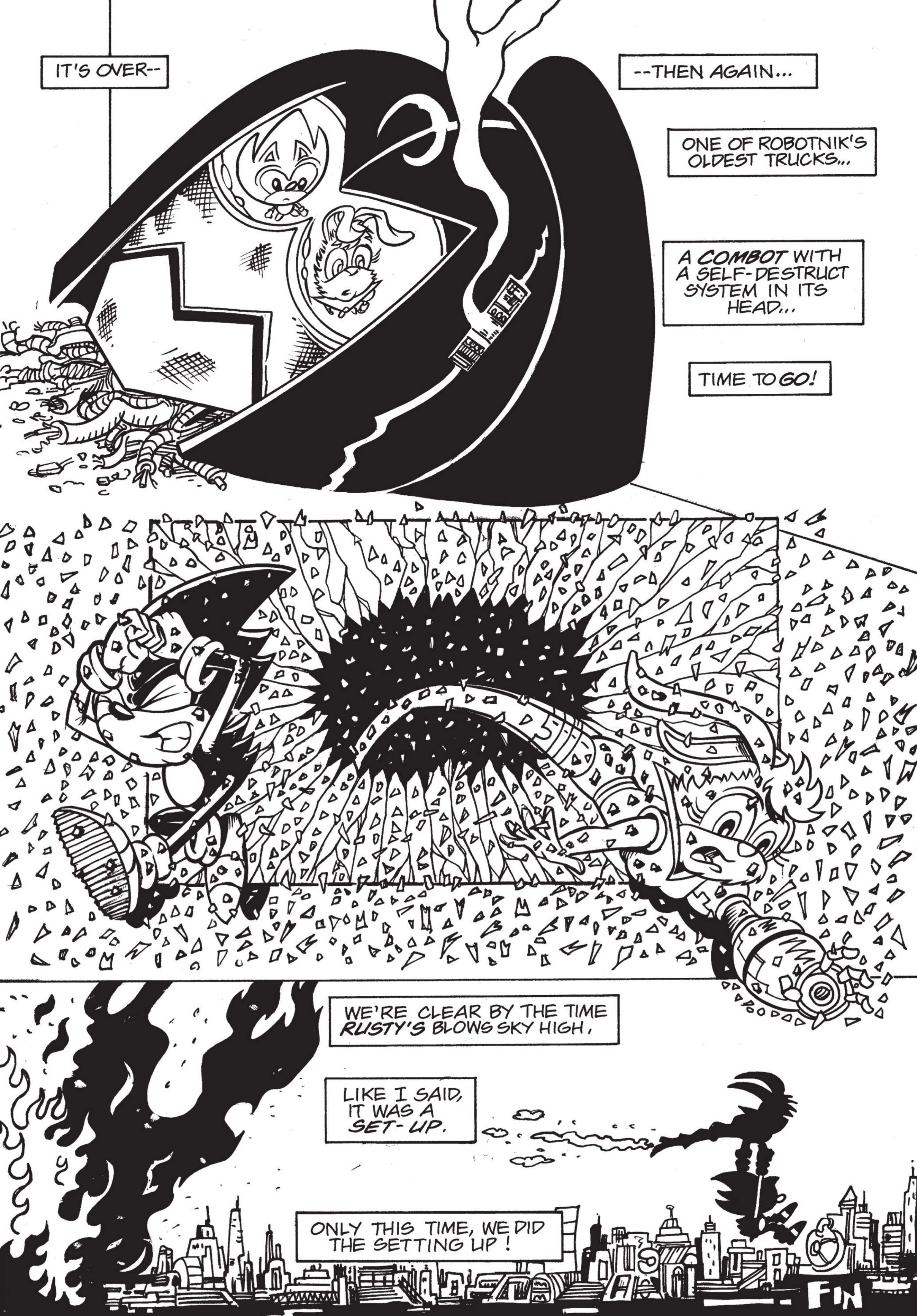

I'M THERE IN A FLASH OF BLUE.
THE RAIN WAS LETTING UP...
BUT THE PARTY WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN.
THIS PLACE IS A WHO'S WHO OF HAS-BEENS.
INCLUDING LOTS OF MY OLD SPARRING PARTNERS.
RUSTY'S


I STROLL IN AND ORDER A CHILI DOG FLOAT.
AS SOON AS I SIT DOWN, I'M SURROUNDED.
THAT'S WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT.
A SPOTLIGHT PIERCES THE DARKNESS...
LIGHTING UP A SMALL STAGE.
SCRATCHY MUSIC STARTS--
THEY TURN AND GO LIKE MOTHS TO A FLAME.


SHE SLINKS OUT ...THE OLD BOARDS GROAN IN HARMONY WITH RUSTY'S CUSTOMERS.
SHE'S SLINGIN' A DOUBLE PRONGED TWO-TWENTY CORD--
--WHILE HER MECHANICAL ARM DANCES WITH A LIFE OF ITS OWN.


NAUGHTY...
NICE...
NON-POLARIZED.
THEY SCREAM FOR "THE STRETCH!"
SHE GIVES IT TO THEM...
DOES SHE EVER!
SHE'S GOT THEM RIGHT WHERE SHE WANTS THEM...
AND THEN, SOME 'BOTHEAD GRABS HER ANKLE.


BUNNIE GOES DOWN HARD.
HER HELMET POPS OFF--I MOVE IN.
THE JIG IS UP.
NOTHING ELSE TO DO EXCEPT...
VZZZZZZZooo
WAP WAP WAP


IT'S OVER--
--THEN AGAIN...
ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S OLDEST TRUCKS...
A *COMBOT* WITH A SELF-DESTRUCT SYSTEM IN ITS HEAD...
TIME TO *GO!*
WE'RE CLEAR BY THE TIME *RUSTY'S* BLOWS SKY HIGH.
LIKE I SAID, IT WAS A *SET-UP.*
ONLY THIS TIME, WE DID THE SETTING UP!
FIN

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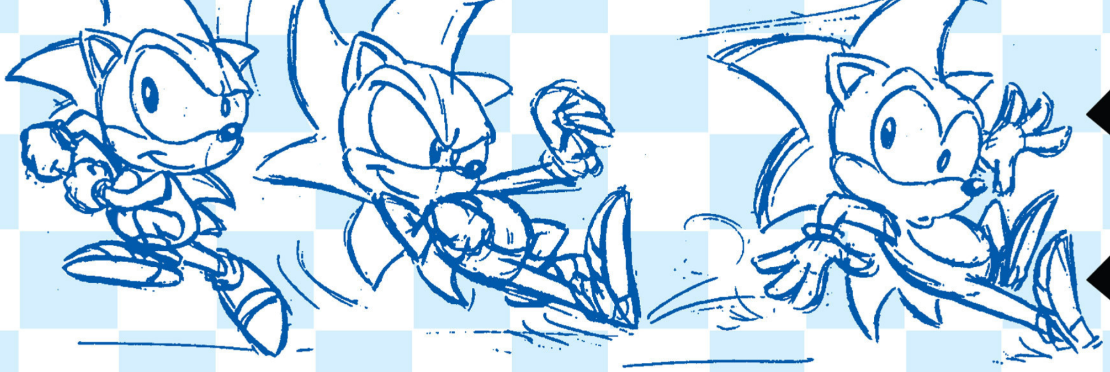
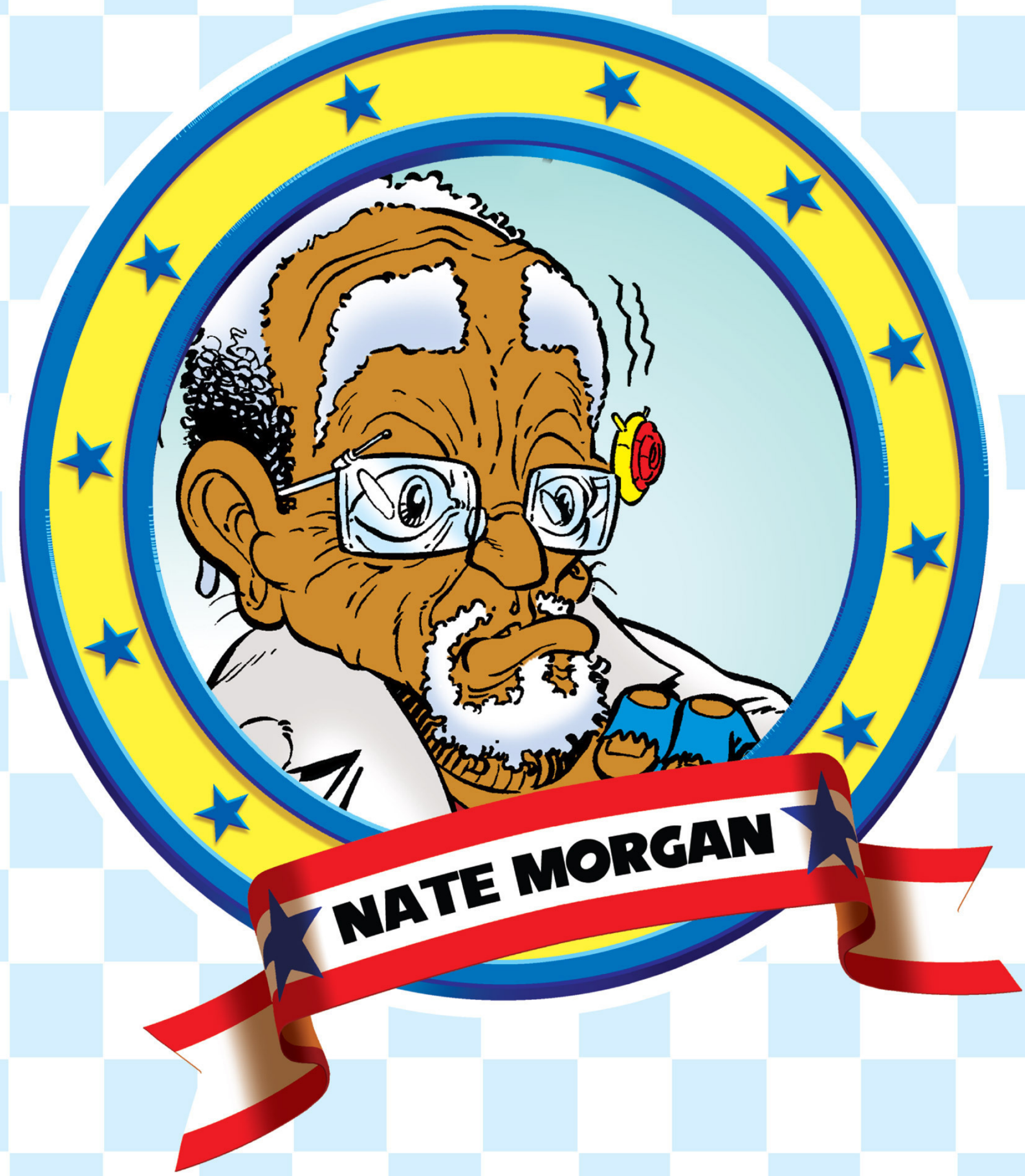
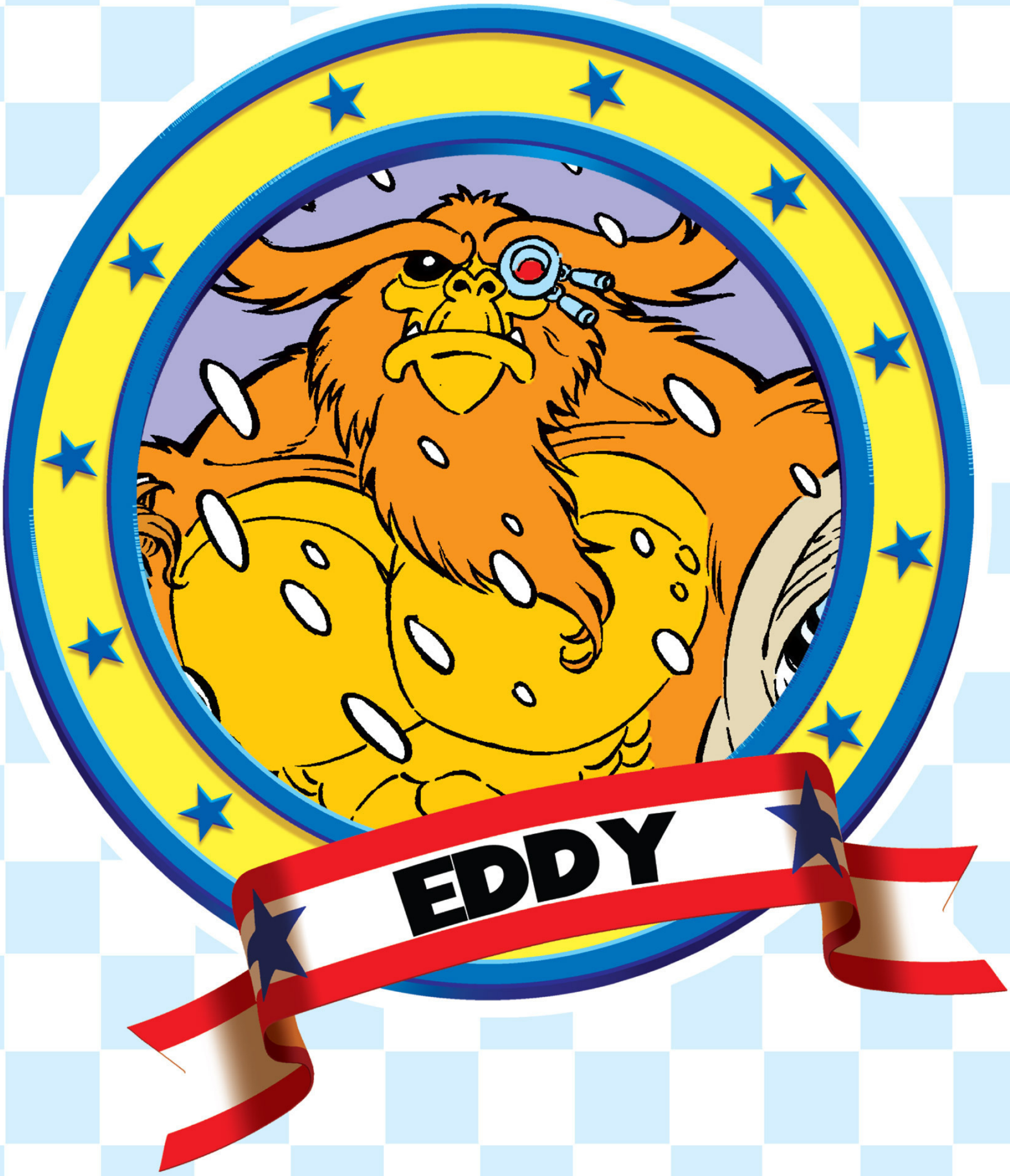




NATE MORGAN

A brilliant scientist with terrible luck. He was exiled from the Overland and Old Mobotropolis for crimes he didn't commit! As the original creator of the Power Ring smithing process, he played a pivotal, if unsung, role in Sonic's past!



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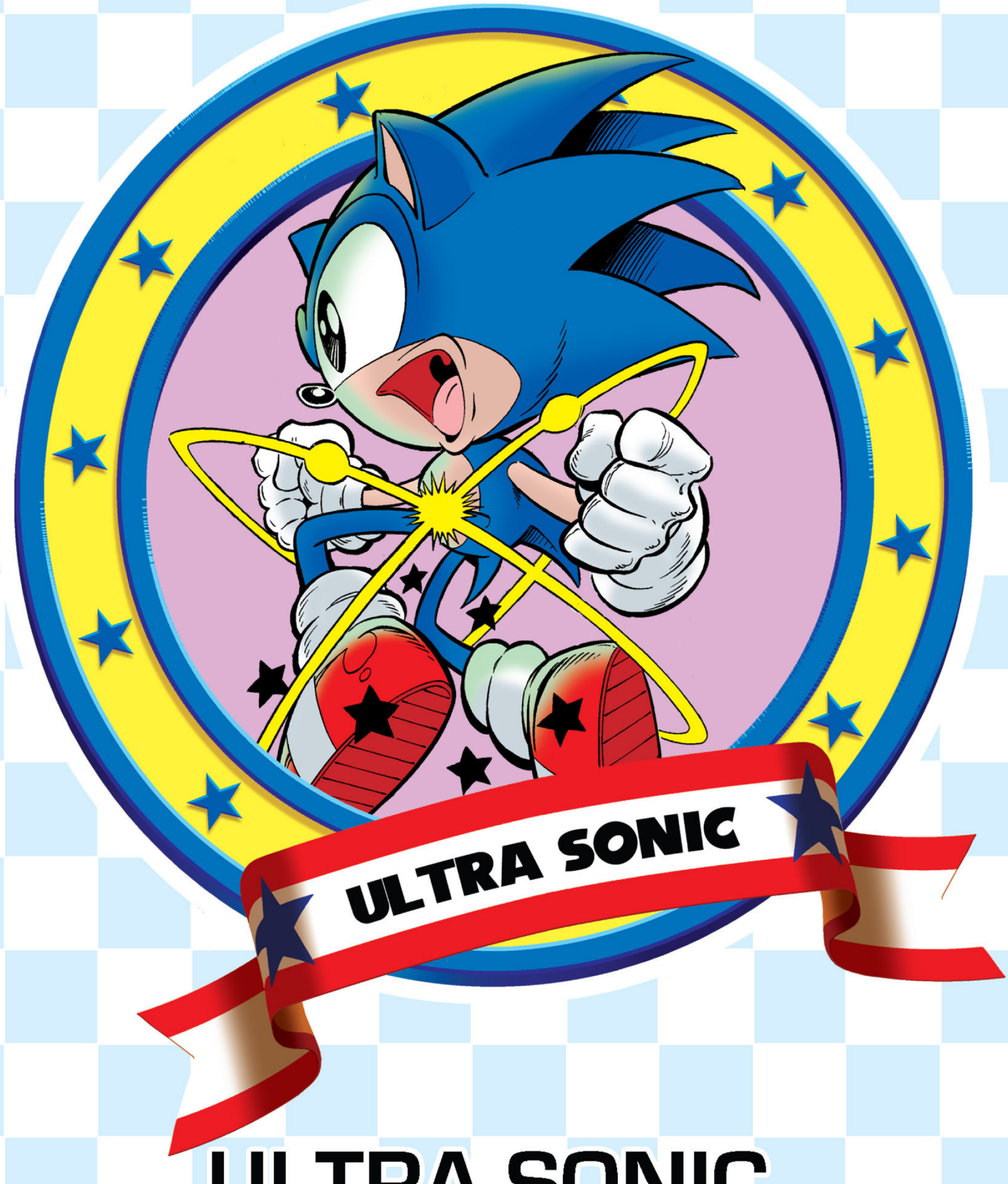

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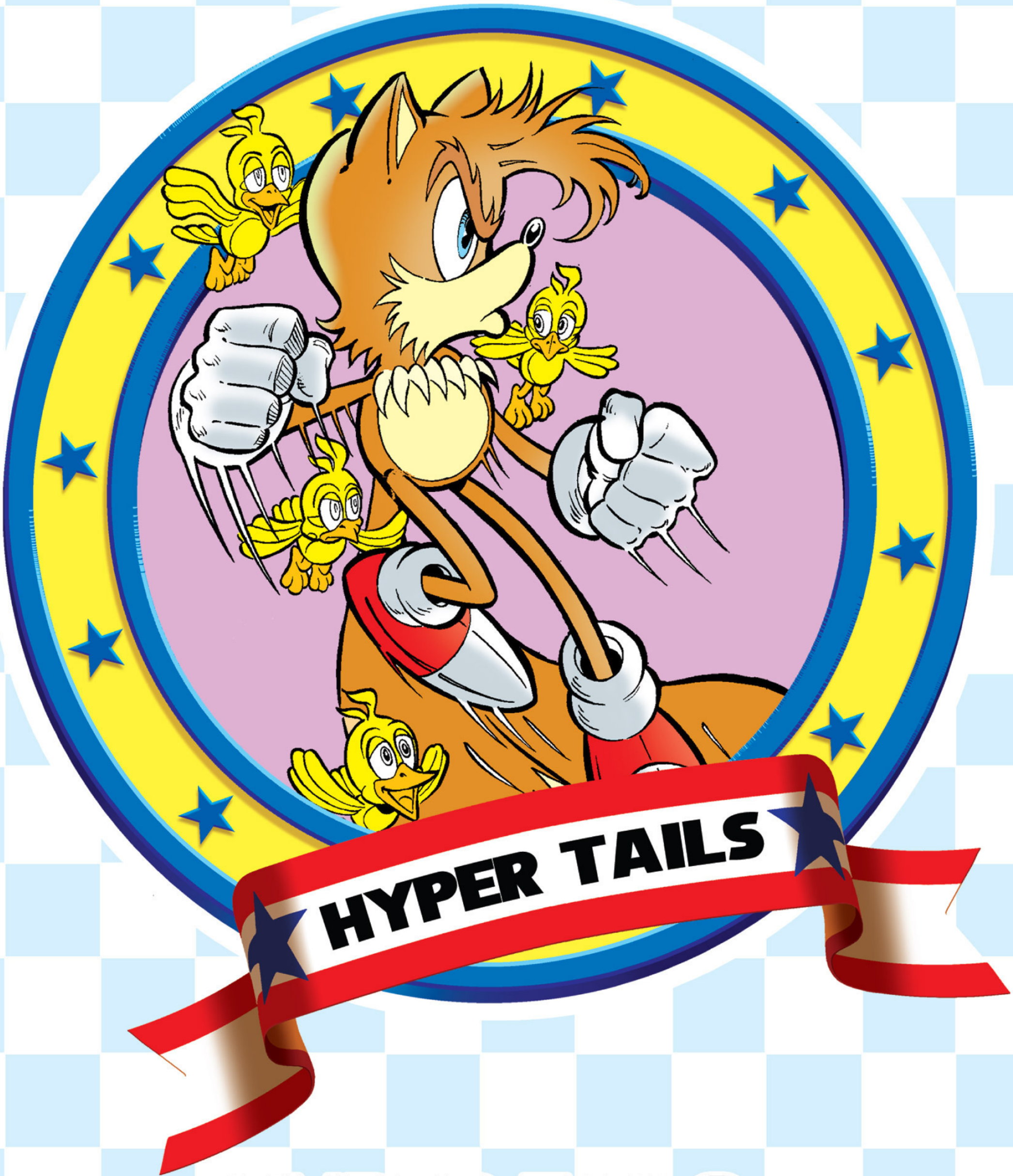
We all know what happens when Sonic gets the seven Chaos Emeralds – Super Sonic! But what happens when he absorbs countless Power Rings? He becomes Ultra Sonic, the super-speedy master of the elements! Savor this moment – he's only made this transformation twice!



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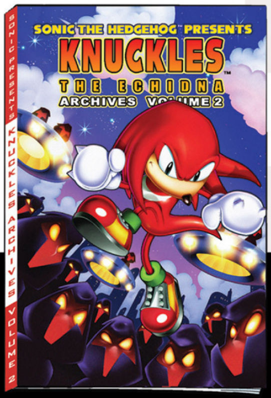

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